Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name is Joey Buddenberg. I am a supervising senior auditor with Arkansas Legislative Audit.

Each year, Legislative Audit prepares a summary of all of the grants distributed by the Arkansas Department of Education. The FY2019 report summarizes the $3.4 billion that was provided as grants to school districts, charter schools, education cooperatives, and other entities. This report is available on our website.

Grants are funded from state and federal sources. During the last fiscal year, $2.8 billion was provided from the Public School Fund, $524 million was provided from federal funds, and $117 million was distributed from other state and miscellaneous sources. Overall, the Department distributed $17 million less in FY2019 than was distributed in FY2018.

Specific amounts provided to recipients from all of the state and federal programs administered by the Agency are summarized and detailed on various attachments in the report. Brief descriptions of these programs are also contained in the report.

No audit procedures were performed at the recipient level regarding how the monies were ultimately used. For public school districts, other state government entities and charter schools, the usage of these monies will be described in the audit reports of these entities. This report is designed only to describe distribution of monies by the Department of Education.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That concludes my presentation.