

# AGENDA

## Senate Committee on Education House Committee on Education Meeting Jointly

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Tuesday, December 01, 2015

01:15 PM

First Ward Alternative School, 1300 East 5th Ave.  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

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Sen. Jane English, Chair  
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- A. Call to Order – 1:15 P.M.
- B. Remarks by the Chairs
- C. Welcome and Overview of Pine Bluff School District and the role played by Teach for America (TFA) Arkansas  
**Rev. Dr. Hank Wilkins**, Pastor, St. James United Methodist Church, and Former Member of the Arkansas House of Representatives and the Arkansas Senate  
**Mr. Jared Henderson**, Executive Director, Teach For America Arkansas  
**Ms. Melissa Walsh**, Manager, Community Investment and Government Affairs, Teach for America
- D. Overview of the First Ward Alternative Learning Center  
**Mr. Eric Elders**, Principal, First Ward Alternative Learning Center  
**Ms. Melissa Walsh**, Manager, Community Investment and Government Affairs, Teach for America
- E. Classroom Visits and Rotations (Three (3) Groups on a 35 Minute Rotation)  
**Classroom 1:** Student Panel and Q&A with TFA Alum Adrian Dhanaraj – Meet current students and learn about the Pine Bluff School District and the First Ward Alternative Learning Center  
**Classroom 2:** Teach For America Overview and Information – Hear a brief summary of TFA’s basic operations and growth plans, and learn about unique aspects of TFA’s work in Arkansas  
**Classroom 3:** Serving beyond the two-year commitment – Learn about the impact TFA professionals have on Arkansas education after their initial commitment
- F. Panel Discussion
- G. Other Business
- H. Adjournment

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