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Senator Bruce Maloch, Co-Chair  
Representative DeAnn Vaught, Co-Chair  
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee  
Arkansas Legislative Council  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY20 Appropriation Transfer Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by law, the attached Appropriation Transfer Request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Larry W. Walther'.

Larry W. Walther  
Cabinet Secretary

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Attachment(s)



# Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

*Transforming Arkansas to lead the nation in student-focused education*

May 21, 2020

**Johnny Key**  
*Secretary*

Mr. Larry W. Walther, Chief Fiscal Officer  
Department of Finance and Administration  
1509 West 7th Street Room 401  
Little Rock, AR 72203

**State Board  
of Education**

Dear Mr. Walther:

**Diane Zook**  
*Melbourne*  
**Chair**

By authority granted in Section 13 of Act 877 of 2019, I am requesting approval of the following appropriation transfers for FY20:

**Charisse Dean**  
*Little Rock*  
**Vice Chair**

**APPROPRIATION TRANSFER - PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND (JAA)**

**FROM:**

School Funding Contingency (2ZH) (1,200,000)

**TO:**

Enhanced Student Achievement Funding (2HR) 700,000

Teacher Retirement Matching (437) 500,000

**Susan Chambers**  
*Bella Vista*

**Dr. Fitz Hill**  
*Little Rock*

**Kathy McFetridge**  
*Springdale*

The appropriation needed for the Enhanced Student Achievement program represents the amount needed to complete FY20 payments to school districts pursuant to ACA 6-20-2305(b)(4)(A). This program provides state categorical funding for those students from low socio-economic backgrounds, as indicated by the prior year eligibility for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch (NSL) Act. NSL funding is divided into three tiers. Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, for school districts that were to receive funding based on a higher or lower percentage tier than the preceding school year, the funding would be increased or reduced in three equal amounts over a three-year period. A school district that has experienced a significant growth shall receive funding for the expected increase in the number of NSL students based on the three year average growth in enrollment times the percentage of students eligible for NSL funding times the appropriate per student funding amount.

**Dr. Sarah Moore**  
*Stuttgart*

**Ouida Newton**  
*Poyen*

**Chad Pekron**  
*Bryant*

**R. Brett Williamson**  
*El Dorado*

Section 15 of Act 877 of 2019 requires the ADE to pay teacher retirement employer matching for employees of the Education Service Cooperatives, Vocational Centers, Arkansas Easter Seals, and the Department of Correction school. The request for additional appropriation is to accommodate anticipated increases in employer contributions due to salary increases and growth in the number of participants.

I appreciate your consideration and approval of this request. If you have any questions, please call Greg Rogers at 682-4256.

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Sincerely,

Johnny Key  
Commissioner

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Employer*

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cc: Jake Bleed, Administrator  
DFA – Office of Budget