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March 29, 2012

Senator Johnny Key, Co-Chair
Representative James McLean, Co-Chair
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY12 Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

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

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Weiss
Director

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Attachment(s)



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OF EDUCATION

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BRS

Dr. Tom W. Kimbrell
Commissioner

March 7, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Weiss:

By authority granted in Section 13 of Act 1075 of 2011, I am requesting your and the Arkansas Legislative Council's approval of the following appropriation transfers for FY2012:

PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND (JAA)
APPROPRIATION TRANSFER
FROM:

School Funding Contingency (2ZH) (\$ 8,944,151)

TO:

Alternative Learning (311)	\$ 1,261,496
Master Principal Bonus (2ZM)	71,000
National School Lunch (2HR)	4,992,824
Student Growth (332)	183,615
Surplus Commodities (450)	345,065
Teacher Retirement Matching (437)	2,090,151

The additional appropriation needed for the Alternative Learning program is to provide for the revised projection of the FY2012 ALE distribution. The ALE distribution is based on the 4 quarter previous year ADM average.

There are 13 principals that qualify for \$161,000 in bonuses authorized by the Master Principal Bonus Program in the 2012 fiscal year. In order to distribute the bonuses additional appropriation of \$71,000 is needed.

The additional amount requested for the National School Lunch program is due to the revised calculation of the funds distribution to school districts and charter schools.

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The additional amount needed for Student Growth in FY2012 is based on the revised projection of funds to be distributed to school districts and charter schools.

The request for additional Teacher Retirement Matching appropriation is needed in order to pay the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System the projected amount to be billed in the 2012 fiscal year. This appropriation provides the employer matching Teacher Retirement rate of 14% for employees of the Cooperative Education Service Areas, Vocational Centers, Arkansas Easter Seals and the school operated by the Department of Correction.

FEDERAL OPERATIONS TRANSFER
APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

FROM:

Federal Elementary and Secondary Education (650)
Professional Fees (10) (\$143,248)

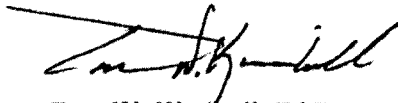
TO:

Federal Grants Administration (435)
Professional Fees (10) \$143,248

Additional appropriation is needed for Professional Fees in the Federal Grants Administration appropriation in order to pay Legislative Audit for federal program audit costs that are owed.

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

Sincerely,



Tom W. Kimbrell, Ed.D.
Commissioner

TK: jk

cc: Brandon Sharp, Administrator
DFA – Office of Budget