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September 25, 2013

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

RE: FY14 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)



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Dr. Tom W. Kimbrell
Commissioner

September 5, 2013

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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 16 of Act 1309 of 2013, I am requesting your and the Arkansas Legislative Council's approval of the following appropriation transfers for FY14:

PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND (JAA)
APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

FROM:

School Funding Contingency (2ZH) (16,579,291)

TO:

Technology Grants (119)	300,000
Smart Start/Smart Step (057)	1,750,000
Student Growth (332)	5,678,483
National School Lunch (2HR)	8,386,889
At-Risk (088)	305,952
Professional Development (2HS)	157,967
	<u>16,579,291</u>

The additional appropriation needed for Technology Grants is to support the University of Arkansas' Office of Innovation which helps schools to try innovative ideas to improve student achievement and reduce the achievement gap.

The additional amount requested for Smart Start/Smart Step is for: the STEM Works initiative of the Governor's Workforce Cabinet to transform education by recognizing that future demands will be driven by the 21st century economy; and intensive support for school districts in one of the three forms of distress - academic, facilities, or fiscal - and school districts that have been taken over by the ADE.

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The additional amount needed for Student Growth in FY14 is based on the revised projection of funds to be distributed to school districts and charter schools.

The additional amount requested for the National School Lunch program is due to revised projections of funds to be distributed to school districts and charter schools, based on a statewide increase in ADM for school districts and charter schools, as well as student movement within the state.

The additional appropriation for the At-Risk program is needed so that the ADE can reallocate unused FY13 College and Career Readiness Planning Program (CCRPP) funds for use in FY14.

Additional appropriation is needed for Professional Development due to an unexpected increase in statewide ADM for public schools and charter schools.

EDUCATION RENEWAL ZONES TRANSFER
APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

FROM:

Education Renewal Zones (2HY) (\$134,000)

Professional Fees (10)

TO:

Education Renewal Zones (2HY)

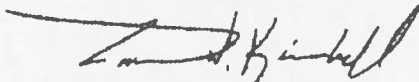
Grants & Aids (04) \$134,000

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Additional appropriation is needed for Grants & Aids in the Education Renewal Zones program for grants to universities. The contract for evaluation of the program has been reduced (professional fees), and universities have exhausted fund balances in operating ERZ programs for the past two years.

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

Sincerely,



Tom W. Kimbrell, Ed.D.
Commissioner

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cc: Brandon Sharp, Administrator
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