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May 8, 2017

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

RE: FY17 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry W. Walther".

Larry W. Walther  
Director

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Attachment(s)



# Arkansas Department of Education

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Johnny Key  
*Commissioner*

May 2, 2017

State Board  
of Education

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

Mireya Reith  
*Fayetteville*  
Chair

Dear Mr. Walther:

Dr. Jay Barth  
*Little Rock*  
Vice Chair

By authority granted in Section 14 of Act 229 of 2016, I am requesting approval of the following appropriation transfers for FY17:

Joe Black  
*Newport*

## PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND (JAA)

### APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

Susan Chambers  
*Bella Vista*

<b>FROM:</b>	
School Funding Contingency (2ZH)	(\$721,095)
Declining Enrollment (4HN)	<u>(1,900,000)</u>
	(\$2,621,095)

Charisse Dean  
*Little Rock*

Dr. Fitz Hill  
*Little Rock*

<b>TO:</b>	
Special Needs Isolated (2ZS)	\$121,095
Student Growth (332)	<u>2,500,000</u>
	\$2,621,095

Ouida Newton  
*Poyen*

R. Brett Williamson  
*El Dorado*

The additional appropriation needed for Special Needs Isolated is due to the Marvell-Elaine School District returning FY16 Special Needs Isolated funds in FY17. Because the law requires full disbursement of the Isolated (including Special Needs Isolated) funding appropriation, ADE is required to disburse those FY16 funds that were returned in FY17 to qualifying school districts.

Diane Zook  
*Melbourne*

Additional appropriation is needed for Student Growth to complete FY17 Student Growth payments to school districts pursuant to ACA 6-20-2305(c)(2)(A). Student Growth funding is calculated as the sum of one quarter of the per student founding funding amount multiplied by the increase of the district's first quarter ADM of the current year over the ADM of the previous year, and an estimation of the ADM for the second, third and fourth quarters of the current year over the ADM of the previous year. Student movement among school districts can cause Student Growth funding to calculate above the appropriated level.

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**APPROPRIATION TRANSFER**

**FROM:**

Education Renewal Zones (2HY)	
Operating Expenses (02)	(\$66,426)
Conference Fees & Travel (09)	<u>(12,680)</u>
	(\$79,106)

**TO:**

Education Renewal Zones (2HY)	
Grants & Aids (04)	\$79,106

This transfer will enable the ADE to award additional funds to Educational Renewal Zones in the state. Funds will be used to continue working with high school students being prepared and transitioning to college and for cognitive coaching training to assist schools in recognizing their needs and moving forward with innovative practices.

**APPROPRIATION TRANSFER**

**FROM:**

State Operations	
Conference Fees & Travel (09)	\$119,000
Professional Fees (10)	265,000
Capital Outlay (11)	<u>98,000</u>
	\$482,000

**TO:**

State Operations	
Operating Expenses (02)	\$482,000

This transfer will enable the agency to pay increased rent charges for the FY17 year.

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

Sincerely,



Johnny Key  
Commissioner

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