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Memorandum

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FROM: **Senator Jane English**, Chair, Senate Interim Committee on Education
 Representative Bruce Cozart, Chair, House Interim Committee on Education

DATE: **September 5, 2019**

SUBJECT: **Request for Submission of Written Testimony**

The House Interim Committee on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on Education meets on a monthly basis to comply with the provisions of Arkansas Code Annotated §10-3-2101 et seq., the Continuing Adequacy Evaluation Act of 2004. In order to facilitate the work of the Committees and to ensure that all pertinent issues are addressed during our deliberations, we are writing to request that your organization submit written testimony to the Committees outlining your concerns about the state's current system of funding for its public education system. As you prepare your submission, we would like your testimony format to include: 1) problem and 2) solution. Also, please ensure that: 1) any student-related data used is disaggregated by gender and ethnicity, and 2) a clear, concise, one-page Executive Summary is included.

It would be most helpful if you provide your testimony to the Committees by the close of business on Friday, October 11, 2019. Please send the information to Ms. Michelle Griffin at the following address:

Ms. Michelle Griffin, Legislative Analyst
 c/o Bureau of Legislative Research
 Fifth Floor, One Capitol Mall
 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

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You can also email your information to Ms. Griffin by sending it to griffinm@blr.arkansas.gov.

If you plan to email the information, please submit it in a .PDF format.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact either of us or Ms. Griffin if you have any questions or if you need additional information. Her telephone number is 501-537-9173.