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June 5, 2026

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair  
Representative Jeffrey Wardlaw, Co-Chair  
PEER-Review Committee Arkansas Legislative Council  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY26 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 black ink, appearing to be 'J. L. Hudson', written over a horizontal line.

James L. Hudson  
Secretary

Attachment(s)



# Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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

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**Jacob Oliva**  
Secretary

May 13, 2026

**Stacy Smith**  
Deputy  
Commissioner

Jim Hudson, Secretary  
Department of Finance and Administration  
1509 West 7<sup>th</sup> St  
Little Rock, AR 72201

**State Board of  
Education**

**Adrienne Woods**  
*Bentonville*  
Chair

Dear Secretary Hudson,

By authority granted in Section 9 of Act 792 of 2025, I am requesting approval of the following appropriation transfers for FY26:

**Lisa Hunter**  
*White Hall*  
Vice Chair

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER -  
FROM:

**Dr. Gary Arnold**  
*Little Rock*

National Board of Professional Teacher Standards (438) 2,600,000

TO:

**Randy Henderson**  
*Blytheville*

Merit Teacher Incentive (BG2) 2,600,000

**Jeff Wood**  
*Little Rock*

The Merit Teacher Incentive Fund Program was created to recognize and reward excellent teachers across the State of Arkansas. Utilizing savings in other incentive programs will make more funding available to educators across the state.

**Ken Bragg**  
*Sheridan*

Sincerely,

**Leigh Keener**  
*Little Rock*

Greg Rogers  
Chief Fiscal Officer

**Dr. Aaron Abbott**  
*Springdale*

GR:kh