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March 4, 2016

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: FY16 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,


Larry W. Walther
Director

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Attachment(s)



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

February 22, 2016

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

Dear Mr. Walther:

By authority granted in Section 14 of Act 987 of 2015, I am requesting approval of the following appropriation transfers for FY16:

PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND (JAA)
APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

FROM:

School Funding Contingency (2ZH)	(\$950,000)
Student Growth (332)	<u>(131,000)</u>
	(\$1,081,000)

TO:

Smart Start/Smart Step (057)	\$950,000
Declining Enrollment (4HN)	<u>131,000</u>
	\$1,081,000

The additional appropriation needed for Smart Start/Smart Step is due to the implementation of the panic button alert system for all public schools in Arkansas. The panic button alert system is part of the 2015 School Safety Act that was created by Act 950 of the Regular Session of 2015.

The appropriation needed for the Declining Enrollment program represents the amount needed to complete FY16 Declining Enrollment payments to school districts pursuant to ACA 6-20-2305(a)(3)(A). Declining enrollment funding is the difference between the average of the two (2) immediately preceding years' average daily memberships and the average daily membership for the previous school year multiplied by the amount of foundation funding. School districts are prohibited from receiving both declining enrollment funding and student growth funding during the same fiscal year.

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APPROPRIATION TRANSFER

FROM:

Education Renewal Zones (2HY)	
Professional Fees (10)	(\$290,360)
Operating Expenses (02)	(61,910)
Conference Fees & Travel (09)	(10,280)

TO:

Education Renewal Zones (2HY)	
Grants & Aids (04)	\$362,550

Additional appropriation is needed for Grants & Aids in the Education Renewal Zones program for grants to universities because the costs of operating the program have increased. State-level expenditures have been reduced in order to increase support for the program at the university level.

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

JK: as

cc: Duncan Baird, Administrator
DFA – Office of Budget