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April 9, 2021

Senator Ricky Hill, Co-Chair
Representative Monte Hodges, Co-Chair
PEER/Review Subcommittee
Joint Budget Committee
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY21 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
Cabinet Secretary

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Attachment(s)



Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

Transforming Arkansas to lead the nation in student-focused education

April 6, 2021

Johnny Key
 Secretary

Dr. Ivy Pfeffer
 Deputy
 Commissioner

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

Stacy Smith
 Deputy
 Commissioner

Dear Mr. Walther:

By authority granted in Section 13 of Act 154 of 2020, I am requesting approval of the following appropriation transfers for FY21:

**State Board of
 Education**

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER - PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND (JAA)

Charisse Dean
 Little Rock
 Chair

FROM:
 School Funding Contingency (2ZH) (5,440,000)

Ouida Newton
 Poyen
 Vice Chair

TO:
 Enhanced Student Achievement Funding (2HR) 1,500,000
 Alternative Learning Environment (311) 1,540,000
 Declining Enrollment (4HN) 1,200,000
 Teacher Retirement Match (437) 1,200,000

Susan Chambers
 Bella Vista

The appropriation needed for the Enhanced Student Achievement program represents the amount needed to complete FY21 payments to school districts pursuant to ACA 6-20-2305(b)(4)(A). This program provides state categorical funding for those students from low socio-economic backgrounds, as indicated by the prior year eligibility for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch (NSL) Act.

Dr. Fitz Hill
 Little Rock

**Kathy
 McFetridge**
 Springdale

The request to increase appropriation for the Alternative Learning Environment line item is due to an unanticipated increase in ALE students from projected to actuals.

Dr. Sarah Moore
 Stuttgart

The additional amount needed for Declining Enrollment is based on the revised projection of funds to be distributed to public school districts and open enrollment charter schools.

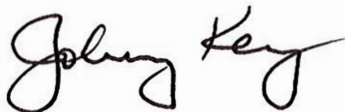
Steve Sutton
 Marion

Adrienne Woods
 Rogers

Section 15 of Act 154 of 2020 requires the ADE to pay teacher retirement employer matching for employees of the Education Service Cooperatives, Vocational Centers, Arkansas Easter Seals, and the Department of Correction school. The request for additional appropriation is to accommodate anticipated increases in employer contributions due to salary increases and growth in the number of participants.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Johnny Key". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "J" and "K".

Johnny Key
Commissioner

JK: kh

cc: Jake Bleed, Administrator
OFA - Office of Budget