

**AGENDA**  
**Senate Committee on Education**  
**House Committee on Education**  
**Meeting Jointly**

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**Tuesday, July 23, 2013**

**09:00 AM**

**Room A, MAC**

**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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Sen. Johnny Key, Chair  
Sen. Joyce Elliott, Vice Chair  
Sen. Jason Rapert  
Sen. Bruce Holland  
Sen. Uvalde Lindsey  
Sen. Alan Clark  
Sen. Jim Hendren  
Sen. Eddie Cheatham

Rep. James McLean, Chair  
Rep. Ann V. Clemmer, Vice Chair  
Rep. Debra M. Hobbs  
Rep. Les "Skip" Carnine  
Rep. Robert E. Dale  
Rep. Karen S. Hopper  
Rep. Jody Dickinson  
Rep. John Charles Edwards  
Rep. Mark Biviano  
Rep. John Catlett  
Rep. Homer Lenderman  
Rep. Gary Deffenbaugh  
Rep. Jon S. Eubanks  
Rep. Sheilla E. Lampkin  
Rep. James Ratliff  
Rep. Bruce Cozart

Rep. Charlotte Vining Douglas  
Rep. Mark Lowery  
Rep. Charles L. Armstrong  
Rep. Brent Talley  
Rep. Stephen Meeks, Non-Voting  
Rep. Lane Jean, Non-Voting  
Rep. Fredrick J. Love, Non-Voting  
Rep. Reginald Murdock, Non-Voting  
Rep. Justin T. Harris, Non-Voting  
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw, Non-Voting  
Rep. Andy Mayberry, Non-Voting  
Rep. David Fielding, Non-Voting  
Rep. Harold Copenhaver, Non-Voting  
Rep. Randy Alexander, Non-Voting  
Rep. Chris Richey, Non-Voting  
Rep. Jim Dotson, Non-Voting

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- A. Call to Order – 9:00 A.M.
- B. Remarks by the Co-Chairs
- C. Continuation of Testimony Concerning the Implementation of Common Core in Arkansas
1. Remarks by the Arkansas Department of Education
    - Dr. Tom Kimbrell**, Commissioner, Arkansas Department of Education
    - Dr. Megan Witonski**, Assistant Commissioner of Learning Services, Arkansas Department of Education
    - Ms. Brenda Gullett**, Chair, Arkansas State Board of Education
    - Mr. David Rainey**, Superintendent, Dumas School District
    - Mr. Thomas Coy**, Mathematics Content Lead, Division of Learning Services, Arkansas Department of Education
    - Ms. Dana Breitweiser**, English Language Arts Assessment Specialist, Division of Learning Services, Arkansas Department of Education
    - Ms. Brandy Britton**, Student, Lincoln School District
    - Ms. Nancy Papachek**, Teacher, Bryant School District
    - Mr. Jerry Strasner**, Principal, Ouachita River School District
    - Ms. Kathy Powers**, Teacher, Conway School District
    - Mr. Jace Motley**, Student, Conway School District

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2. Remarks by the Southern Regional Education Board  
**Mr. Dave Spence**, President, Southern Regional Education Board, Atlanta, Georgia  
**Mr. Gene Bottoms**, Senior Vice President, Southern Regional Education Board, Atlanta, Georgia
3. Remarks by the Thomas B. Fordham Institute  
**Mr. Michael J. Petrilli**, Executive Vice President, Thomas B. Fordham Institute, Washington, D.C.
4. Remarks by the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators  
**Dr. Richard Abernathy**, Executive Director, Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators
5. Remarks by the Arkansas Education Association [**Exhibit C5**]  
**Ms. Brenda Robinson**, President, Arkansas Education Association  
**Mr. E. C. Walker**, Interim Executive Director, Arkansas Education Association
6. Remarks by the Arkansas Rural Education Association  
**Mr. Bill Abernathy**, Executive Director, Arkansas Rural Education Association
7. Remarks by the Arkansas School Boards Association  
**Mr. Ron Harder**, Policy Service & Advocacy Director, Arkansas School Boards Association
8. Remarks by the Arkansas State Teachers Association [**Exhibit C8**]  
**Dr. Michele Ballentine-Linch**, Executive Director, Arkansas State Teachers Association
9. Remarks by the Northwest Arkansas Council  
**Mr. Kim Davis**, Director of Education and Workforce, Northwest Arkansas Council
10. Remarks by the Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families [**Exhibits C10-1 and C10-2**]  
**Ms. Jerri Derlikowski**, Director of Education, Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families
11. Remarks by the Walton Family Foundation [**Exhibits C11-1, C11-2, and C11-3**]  
**Ms. Kathy Smith**, Senior Program Officer, Arkansas Education Reform Initiative, Walton Family Foundation
12. Remarks by the Arkansas Public School Resource Center  
**Mr. Scott Smith**, Executive Director, Arkansas Public School Resource Center  
**Ms. Barbara Hunter Cox**, Director of Teaching and Learning, Arkansas Public School Resource Center
13. Remarks by the Office for Education Policy, University of Arkansas  
**Dr. Gary Ritter**, Director, Office for Education Policy, University of Arkansas

14. Remarks by the Opportunity To Learn Campaign [**Exhibit C14**]  
**Mr. Richard Hutchinson**, Co-Chair, Arkansas Opportunity to Learn Campaign
  15. Remarks by the Arkansas Family Council  
**Mr. Jerry Cox**, President, Arkansas Family Council
  16. Remarks by the Arkansas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (AASCD)  
**Dr. Mary B. Gunter**, Executive Director, AASCD
  17. Remarks by a Public School Teacher  
**Ms. Stephanie Byrnes**, Teacher, Cabot School District
  18. Remarks by the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce  
**Mr. Randy Zook**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce/Associated Industries of Arkansas
- D. Public Comment Concerning the Implementation of Common Core in Arkansas
- E. Other Business
- F. Adjournment