

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

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025
10:00 AM
600 South Main Street
Pine Bluff , Arkansas**

Sen. Jane English, Chair	Rep. Keith Brooks, Chair	Rep. Denise Garner
Sen. Dan Sullivan, Vice-Chair	Rep. Brit McKenzie, Vice-Chair	Rep. Tony Furman
Sen. Stephanie Flowers	Rep. Stephen Meeks	Rep. Steven Walker
Sen. Breanne Davis	Rep. Bruce Cozart	Rep. Hope Duke
Sen. Bryan King	Rep. Rick Beck	Rep. Stetson Painter
Sen. Reginald Murdock	Rep. Karilyn Brown	Rep. Wade Andrews
Sen. Joshua Bryant	Rep. DeAnn Vaught	Rep. Jessie McGruder
Sen. Jim Dotson	Rep. Austin McCollum	Rep. Lincoln Barnett
	Rep. Sonia Eubanks Barker	Rep. Diana Gonzales Worthen
	Rep. Julie Mayberry	Rep. Jason Nazarenko

- A. Call to Order
- B. Opening Remarks and Overview of Friendship Aspire STEM Academies
 - Joe Harris III, CEO and Executive Director, Friendship Aspire Charter Schools
- C. Overview of Charter School Quality and Application Process
 - Darrell Smith, Assistant Commissioner, Office of School Choice and Parent Empowerment, Arkansas Department of Education
- D. Tour of Friendship Aspire Academy Public Charter School
3911 South Hazel Street, Pine Bluff, AR 71603
 - Phong Tran, Superintendent, Friendship Aspire Arkansas
 - Joe Harris III, CEO and Executive Director, Friendship Aspire Charter Schools
 - Dr. Carol Redfield Mims, Principal, Friendship Aspire Academy Public Charter Schools
- E. Other Business
- F. Adjournment

Refreshments Available to All in Attendance

Note: All exhibits for this meeting are available by electronic means and are accessible on the General Assembly's website at www.arkleg.state.ar.us

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