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Memorandum

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FROM: **Senator Jane English**, Chair, Senate Interim Committee on Education
Representative Bruce Cozart, Chair, House Interim Committee on Education

DATE: November 1, 2017

SUBJECT: Request for Submission of Written Testimony

As you are aware, the House Interim Committee on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on Education have been meeting on a monthly basis to comply with the provisions of Arkansas Code Annotated 10-3-2101 et seq, the Continuing Adequacy Evaluation Act of 2004. In order to facilitate the work of the Committees and ensure that all pertinent issues are addressed during our deliberations, we are writing to request that your organization submit written testimony to the Committees outlining your concerns about the state's current system of funding for its public education system. As you prepare your submission, please ensure that: 1) any student-related data used is disaggregated by gender and ethnicity, and 2) a clear, concise, one-page Executive Summary is included.

It would be most helpful if you provide your testimony to the Committees by the close of business on **Friday, January 26, 2018**. Please send the information to Mr. Mark Hudson at the following address:

Mr. Mark Hudson, Legislative Analyst
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You can also email your information to Mr. Hudson by sending it to mark@blr.arkansas.gov. If you plan to email the information, please submit it in a .PDF format.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact either of us or Mr. Hudson if you have any questions or if you need additional information. His telephone number is 501-537-9173.