



**COMMISSION FOR ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION**

TELECONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA

ADE Commissioner's Conference Room

August 3, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

Agenda Summary

1. Summary Meeting Minutes – May 25, 2016

Recommendation – That the Commission approve the minutes for the May 25, 2016, Commission teleconference meeting.

2. 2017-2019 Partnership Program – Division Notification of Project Approval/Disapproval

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, Director, DPSAFT

School districts submitted Partnership Program project applications for the 2017-2019 project funding cycle by March 1, 2016. Per statute, the Division must notify districts of the Division's decision on the application and, if applicable, the state financial participation no later than May 1 of each odd numbered year. Based on the Division's preliminary review of the project applications and the projected Partnership Program budgets for FY 18 and FY 19, the Division anticipates the total state financial participation for the approved projects will exceed the available funds.

The Partnership Program rules provide a funding prioritization process to rank approved projects. To ensure prioritization of all approved projects, any district appeals of the Division's project determinations must be completed before the Division's compilation of final approved project rankings. Therefore, the Division proposes to provide school districts a written determination by certified letter of project approval or disapproval by August 15, 2016. If a project is disapproved, the determination will explain the reasons for disapproval. If a project is approved, the determination will provide the approved scope of the project. No state financial participation information will be provided with the August 2016 determination.

Before May 1, 2017, after project cost factors and Wealth Index values are updated, and appeals, if any, are resolved, the Division will provide the Commission a final list of approved projects prioritized per the Partnership Program rules.

There are several advantages to school districts with the “early” notification of project approval and scope: projects with successful appeals can be ranked for potential project funding in the current project funding cycle, districts that choose to self-fund disapproved projects will gain eight months to complete the project, and the funding contingencies for future appeals in the 2017-2019 project funding cycle can be greatly reduced.

Status Report – No Commission action required.

3. Partnership Program Funding

Status Report – No Commission action required.

4. Adjourn