



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

**MEETING AGENDA**

**ADE Auditorium**

**September 28, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.**

**Agenda Summary**

**1. Summary Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2016**

**Recommendation – That the Commission approve the minutes for the August 3, 2016, Commission teleconference meeting.**

**2. Academic Facilities Master Plan Program – State Plan – October 1, 2016**

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, Director

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-21-112(f)(16) requires the Division to report by October 1 of each even-numbered year to the Governor, the House and Senate Committees on Education, and the Academic Facilities Oversight Committee on the state academic facilities Master Plan.

The state facilities Master Plan includes:

- A list of committed projects for public school academic facilities for the upcoming fiscal year categorized by program and method of state financial participation.
- The total estimated cost of each committed project and the estimated amount of state financial participation.
- A four-year rolling forecast of planned new construction projects related to public school academic facilities.

**Recommendation - That the Commission approve the report for dissemination as required by law.**

### **3. Statewide State of Condition of Academic Facilities – October 1, 2016**

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, Director

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-21-112(f)(15) requires the Division to report by October 1 of each year to the Governor, the House and Senate Committees on Education, and the Academic Facilities Oversight Committee on the state of condition of academic facilities statewide. The report also includes summary results of lawfully required inspections of public school academic facilities by state agencies and commissions.

**Recommendation – That the Commission approve the report for dissemination as required by law.**

### **4. Act 962 of 2015 - High-Growth School Districts**

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, Director

Per Act 962 of 2015, the Commission shall annually determine which school districts qualify as high-growth school districts under this section. Annually, by November 1, the Commission shall prepare a list of the qualified school districts.

There are 29 school districts with enrollment growth over 4%.

**Recommendation – That the Commission approve the report for dissemination as required by law.**

### **5. Transportation Status**

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, Director

The Division's transportation safety activities for the 2015-2016 school year include school bus inspections and training of school bus drivers. On April 26, 2016, the Division conducted the National Illegal Passing Survey. The Division and the Arkansas Department of Education conducted a Public Awareness Campaign through television, radio, and print media starting on August 10, 2016, regarding the issue of illegal passing of school buses.

**Status report. No Commission action required.**

### **6. Status of 2017-2019 Academic Facilities Partnership Program**

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, Director

School districts submitted applications for the 2017-2019 Academic Facilities Partnership Program by March 2016, and the Division sent each school district that submitted a project application a certified letter dated August 15, 2016, to notify districts of the status of each project application.

Very preliminary estimates of total state financial participation needs indicate a shortfall in projected available funding for the 2017-2019 project funding cycle.

**Status report. No Commission action required.**

## **8. Facilities Distress Coordination**

Presenter – Brad Montgomery, Director

### **Indicators of Facilities Distress**

During the period of July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, there were no school districts with two or more indicators of academic facilities distress.

### **Millage Elections – 2015-2016**

School districts with failed millage elections from October 1, 2015, through September 28, 2016, were Dollarway School District, Harmony Grove School District (Camden), De Queen School District, White Hall School District, Ashdown School District, Harrisburg School District, Huntsville School District, and Wonderview School District.

Per Ark. Code Ann. § 6-21-811(f)(1)(A) the Division provided written notices to the school districts and held a conference to discuss facility needs in each school district.

### **Master Plan Submission**

All school districts submitted their Master Plans by February 1, 2016, as required.

**Status Report – No Commission action required.**

## **7. Adjourn**