



# Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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**Jacob Oliva**  
Secretary

December 8, 2025

**Stacy Smith**  
Deputy  
Commissioner

Jim Hudson, Secretary  
Department of Finance and Administration  
1509 West 7<sup>th</sup> St  
Little Rock, AR 72201

**State Board of  
Education**

**Adrienne Woods**  
*Bentonville*  
Chair

Dear Secretary Hudson,

**Lisa Hunter**  
*White Hall*  
Vice Chair

The Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) respectfully requests a transfer of \$32,000,000 in appropriation from Various Temporary Appropriation for State Agencies and Institutions pursuant to Section 32 of Act 1006 of 2025.

**Dr. Gary Arnold**  
*Little Rock*

Every Arkansas family deserves access to the best possible school options for their children. The Arkansas Children's Educational Freedom Account Program empowers parents to choose a school based on students' individual needs. This appropriation will allow the division to fund EFA accounts for all students in the 2025-2026 school year and is funded through a Restricted Reserve request.

**Randy Henderson**  
*Blytheville*

This appropriation is requested in the following line items:

**Jeff Wood**  
*Little Rock*

Fund Center: BF9  
Fund: MEF0100  
Commitment Item: 590:00:46

**Ken Bragg**  
*Sheridan*

**Leigh Keener**  
*Little Rock*

Sincerely,

**Dr. Aaron Abbott**  
*Springdale*

  
Greg Rogers  
CFO, Arkansas Department of Education

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