

Subject: RE: Marvell-Elaine School District Consolidation Plan
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 1:55:51 PM Central Standard Time
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Dear Dr. Ray:

We are in receipt of your letter dated February 28, 2023. Thank you for your district's efforts and thoughts. Under current law, if the Marvell-Elaine School District does not file a petition for voluntary administrative annexation or consolidation by March 1, 2023, the State Board of Education must administratively consolidate the District with one or more districts by May 1, 2023, with the consolidation being effective July 1, 2023. Your letter indicates that the Marvell-Elaine School District has not found a willing district or districts with which to partner. Consequently, pursuant to the mandate of Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-1603(a)(3), The State Board will begin to take steps on March 1, 2023, to administratively consolidate the Marvell-Elaine School District with one or more school districts. The State Board will conduct a hearing on this matter in April.

In addition, please remember that the District remains required to continue to follow guidance from the Fiscal Support and Services Unit, including but not limited to debt request approvals.

Respectfully,

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Good morning,

I am writing to provide Marvell-Elaine School District's Consolidation Plan. This memo is also being sent through certified mail. Please respond back to let us know that you have received this memo. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Respectfully submitted,

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