

1 **Motion A:**

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3 Between now and the February regularly scheduled meeting of  
4 the State Board of Education (SBE), appropriate ADE staff, the  
5 chair of the SBE, the LRSD superintendent, and a  
6 representative of the LRSD School Board shall meet with a goal  
7 of developing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for an  
8 ongoing partnership between the LRSD and ADE centered on  
9 creating positive change in achievement in the LRSD, with a  
10 particular focus on those schools currently in academic  
11 distress. Although other components would properly be  
12 included, the MOU shall focus on these areas:

- 13 • Two-year achievement goals for each academically  
14 distressed LRSD school;
- 15 • Ongoing oversight by the ADE’s Office of School  
16 Improvement over decisions related to curriculum and  
17 school leadership and teaching staffing decisions in the  
18 schools currently in academic distress;
- 19 • Ongoing consulting by the ADE’s Fiscal Distress Services  
20 Unit to ensure the fiscal sustainability of any reform  
21 measures;
- 22 • Identification of an academic distress monitor to serve as  
23 a liaison to the Commissioner and the SBE on the  
24 progress towards sustainable reform being made in the  
25 LRSD;
- 26 • The process and timeline for creating a formal body of  
27 parents, students, community and business leaders,  
28 reflective of the Little Rock community, and philanthropic  
29 organizations to serve as a Civic Advisory Committee to  
30 aid in improving the performance of students in  
31 academically distressed schools.

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33 If an MOU is successfully developed, it shall be made available  
34 to the SBE and the public no later than 5pm on Tuesday,

35 February 10, 2015. A vote by the SBE to accept or reject the  
36 MOU would occur at the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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38 If an MOU is not successfully developed, state takeover of the  
39 LRSD shall occur. It is anticipated that both the school board  
40 *and* superintendent shall be removed. However, a formal  
41 motion by the SBE to carry out this action at the February 12<sup>th</sup>  
42 could be amended to add additional conditions regarding the  
43 takeover.

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45 On a quarterly basis, a report on progress in the LRSD with  
46 regards to sustainable improvement of academic achievement  
47 shall be on the SBE action agenda with the possibility of full  
48 state takeover with removal of the school board and/or  
49 superintendent of LRSD being an ongoing option for the SBE.

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