

MINUTES
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
House Committee on Education
Meeting Jointly
Tuesday, December 2, 2025
10:00 AM
Park Magnet School, Auditorium, 617 Main Street
Hot Springs, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senator Dan Sullivan, Vice Chair; Representatives Keith Brooks, Chair; Lincoln Barnett, Rick Beck, Bruce Cozart, Hope Duke, Tony Furman, Diana Gonzales Worthen, and Jessie McGruder

Other members present: Representatives Paul Childress, Jon S. Eubanks, and Joy Springer

Representative Brooks called the meeting to order.

Opening Remarks and Overview of Hot Springs School District [Handout B1-B2]

Dr. Mike Hernandez, Superintendent, Hot Springs School District gave opening remarks and a brief overview of Hot Springs School District.

Kiley Simms, Principal, Hot Springs World Class High School Academy presented information on Bell to Bell, No Cell including that Hot Springs School District participated in the initial pilot program.

Dr. Taryn Echols, Assistant Superintendent, Hot Springs School District and Kristen Gordon, Principal, Main Street Visual and Performing Arts Magnet School, provided information on third grade promotion and after school programs in place.

Melissa Bratton, English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Coordinator, Hot Springs School District gave information regarding ESOL students and intervention policies in place to ensure student success.

Tour of Park Magnet, an International Baccalaureate World School

Dr. Mike Hernandez, Superintendent, Hot Springs School District led a tour of Park Magnet School at 617 Main Street, Hot Springs, AR 71913.

Tour of Main Street Visual and Performing Arts Magnet School

Dr. Mike Hernandez, Superintendent, Hot Springs School District gave a tour of Main Street Visual and Performing Arts Magnet School at 701 Main Street, Hot Springs, AR 71913.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.