



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

**TELECONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA**

**Originating from ADE Room 201A**

**October 31, 2024, 3:00 p.m.**

**Agenda Summary**

**1. Summary Meeting Minutes – April 30, 2024**

Presenter – Tim Cain, Director

**Recommendation – That the Commission approve the minutes for the April 30, 2024, Commission teleconference meeting.**

**2. 2023-2024 Year-1 Warm, Safe, and Dry Partnership Program Projects Funding for Mountain Pine School District Partnership Project 2324-2607-002**

Presenter - Tim Cain, Director

**Recommendation – The Division recommends that the Commission approve \$806,458.55 in funding of the 2023-2024 Year-1 Warm, Safe, and Dry Partnership Project for the Mountain Pine School District, project #2324-2607-002.**

**3. Dumas School District – Catastrophic Funding**

Presenter – Tim Cain, Director

Act 2206 created the Academic Facilities Catastrophic Program (*Program*). The Program authorizes the Division to distribute State assistance to school districts for emergency facility projects due to an act of God or violence. The law defines a catastrophic project as “*repair and new construction for the purpose of supplementing insurance or other public or private emergency assistance to the school district.*”

The law requires that any State assistance under this program shall be used to pay the cost of only the portion of a catastrophic project that is not covered by insurance or other public or private emergency assistance received by or payable to the school district.

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, a storm caused damage to the Dumas High School campus. The district submitted a Catastrophic application for funding. According to Shannon Moore with Arkansas School Board Association insurance will cover all costs associated with this storm except for the \$5,000 deductible. Dumas School District applied for Catastrophic funding for the deductible. The amount of Catastrophic funding is calculated based on the wealth index (like Partnership Funding). The amount of State Financial Participation is \$3,938.96.

**Recommendation – That the Commission approve reimbursements of \$3,938.96 to the Dumas School District, as requested under the Academic Facilities Catastrophic Program.**

**4. Newport School District – Catastrophic Funding**

Presenter – Tim Cain, Director

Act 2206 created the Academic Facilities Catastrophic Program (*Program*). The Program authorizes the Division to distribute State assistance to school districts for emergency facility projects due to an act of God or violence. The law defines a catastrophic project as *“repair and new construction for the purpose of supplementing insurance or other public or private emergency assistance to the school district.”*

The law requires that any State assistance under this program shall be used to pay the cost of only the portion of a catastrophic project that is not covered by insurance or other public or private emergency assistance received by or payable to the school district.

During a thunderstorm in late August, lightning struck Newport Elementary School causing the fire alarm system to begin malfunctioning. The unit now causes the fire alarm to go off several times per day, interrupting the learning environment frequently. This project will impact 584 K-5 students. The district submitted a Catastrophic application for funding. Insurance will cover all costs associated with this storm except for the \$5,000 deductible. Newport School District applied for Catastrophic funding for the deductible. The amount of Catastrophic funding is calculated based on the wealth index (like Partnership Funding). The amount of State Financial Participation is **\$3,292.19**.

**Recommendation – That the Commission approve reimbursements of \$3,292.19 to the Newport School District, as requested under the Academic Facilities Catastrophic Program.**

## 5. Rules

Presenters – Tim Cain, Director; Stephen Reynolds, Attorney

- a. Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing the Academic Facilities Distress Program
- b. Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing the Academic Facilities Partnership Program
- c. Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing the Transportation Modernization Grant Program

**Recommendation – That the Commission approve rules and forward them to the Arkansas Legislative Council Administrative Rules and Regulations Subcommittee.**

## 6. Adjourn