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STATEMENT BY ARKANSAS COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION DR. KEN JAMES REGARDING THE LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT'S UNITARY STATUS

"I congratulate the Little Rock School District for obtaining unitary status after years of ongoing litigation and court oversight. At the Department of Education, we are all pleased that the district was able to successfully demonstrate to the court that it had met all of the requirements to be released from this years-long case. By granting unitary status, the court has validated that the vestiges of the past have been properly addressed. It is indeed a positive day for the Little Rock School District."

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