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### ADE PLEASED WITH COURT'S STATEMENT

The Arkansas Department of Education received notice from the Arkansas Supreme Court that it dissolved the temporary restraining order placed on the State Board of Education and the Bryant School District by Judge Jay Moody on June 29, 2006. The Court's Per Curiam stated that, "Failure to join the Bryant School District before the temporary restraining order was issued constituted a plain, manifest, clear, and gross abuse of discretion."

"We are pleased that the Supreme Court saw fit to dissolve the order of June 29 that prevented the Bryant School District from closing Paron High School, and we appreciate the fact that they acted during their normal recess so that the school year can begin in that district without this distraction," said Dr. Ken James, Arkansas Commissioner of Education. "This is clearly beneficial to the district and will allow both educators and students there to start school with a clear focus on learning."

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*The Arkansas Department of Education strives to ensure that all children in the state have access to a quality education by providing educators, administrators and staff with leadership, resources and training.*