



Statement of Assurance Constitutionally Protected Prayer in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools

Section 9524 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended by **No Child Left Behind** (NCLB), and reauthorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015, requires that, as a condition of receiving ESEA funds, each school district must certify in writing to the Arkansas Department of Education that it has no policy that prevents, or otherwise denies participation in, constitutionally protected prayer in public schools as set forth in this guidance. Such guidance was described in a letter from U.S. Secretary of Education, Rod Paige, to all school administrators, dated February 7, 2003. Also, it is referenced at the following web site:

http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/religionandschools/prayer_guidance.html

The signature below assures the Arkansas Department of Education that the referenced school district complies with the conditions of Constitutionally Protected Prayer in Public Schools.

School District

Cross County

Superintendent (Printed)

Nathan Morris

Superintendent (Signature)

NM Ed.D.

Date:

9-15-19

Send assurances electronically in Portable Document Format (PDF) to Oliver.Dillingham@arkansas.gov on or before September 15th annually.