

## **Public Notice Regarding Northwood Middle School Probationary Status.**

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-208, the Pulaski County Special School District (PCSSD) is required to provide the following notice to the public and parents or caregiver of students enrolled in Northwood Middle School.

At its December 14, 2009 meeting, the Arkansas State Board of Education (State Board) gave the following Notice: "Second Year of Accredited-Probationary Status for Northwood Middle School." A summary of the State Board findings and required actions is described in the following paragraph:

Northwood Middle School was identified as accredited-probationary in May of 2008 and May of 2009. Northwood Middle School had a teacher who was denied a waiver to teach out-of-area and did not have waivers for two (2) teachers to teach out-of-area during the 2008-09 school year. During the 2007-08 school year, Northwood Middle School had a teacher teaching out-of-area after the licensure completion deadline.

The State Board of Education approved action initiated by the PCSSD under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-207(c)(8) and requires that the district submit written certification to ADE by February 1, 2010 that the violations have been corrected and that no other violations of the Standards exist. An On-campus Standards Review will be conducted of the PCSSD prior to May 15, 2010 to verify the status. The Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) will report to the State Board the extent the district has corrected the violations.

The PCSSD has taken measures to remedy the violations. The PCSSD welcomes the ADE and the On-Campus Standards Review. For more information, please contact Deborah Coley, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, at 501-490-6210 or visit our website at [www.pcssd.org](http://www.pcssd.org).