RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE LAVACA SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELIMINATING SCHOOL BOARD ZONES

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Lavaca School District met on April 27, 2026, in Lavaca, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-13-631 – Effect of Minority Population on Election, which previously required a school board of directors to elect members from zones if its minority population exceeded 10%, was repealed by Act 242 of the 2023 Arkansas General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, with the repeal of Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-13-631, school boards zones are now governed by Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-13-630, which allows the school board to elect directors from single-member zones, at large, or a combination of both; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds it difficult to identify qualified candidates to run from each single-member zone of the District, but instead believes the best candidates may be attracted from across the District if allowed to run in at-large zones; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has conducted a review of the available data from the 2020 decennial census and has determined that transitioning to all at-large zones will not violate the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to return to all at-large positions for its directors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Lavaca School District hereby adopts this resolution for the election of board members from at-large positions outlined as follows:

1. As each current Director position comes open for election based on current terms, the position will return to an at-large position covering the entire District until all remaining Director positions are at-large positions; and

Dated this 27th day of April, 2026.

Darren Smithson, Board President

CERTIFICATION

I, Tyler Daniels, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Lavaca School District, hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was considered and adopted by said Board at a regular session on April 27, 2026.

Tyler Daniels, Secretary