Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 25-15-201 et seq., notice is hereby given that the Arkansas State Board of Education and the Arkansas Department of Education are considering implementing new revisions to and repeals of the Department's Rules. The following have been approved for Public Comment: revisions to Rules Governing Professional Development; revisions to Rules Governing the Distribution of Student Special Needs Funding and the Determination of Allowable Expenditures of Those Funds; and repeal of Rules and Regulations Governing Attendance at Instructional Professional Development Sessions Toward Fulfillment of the Five (5) Days of Required Staff Development. A public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Department of Education in the Auditorium at #4 Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR 72201. Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained at the Arkansas Department of Education, Office of Legal Counsel, #4 Capitol Mall, Room 404-A, Little Rock, AR 72201 or by accessing the Department's website at http://arkansased.org. Written comments should be mailed to the attention of Mark White, Four Capitol Mall, Room 404A, Little Rock, AR 72201 or by email to Mark.White@arkansas.gov