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Welcome to 'In the Know with APSRC,' your monthly newsletter packed with the latest news, upcoming events, valuable resources, and more. We're excited to share our recent activities and give you a sneak peek into our future plans. Keep reading to discover an array of resources and announcements you won't want to miss!

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Little Rock, Arkansas
May 20th, 2025
Statehouse Convention Center

Introducing the Spark Symposium for Charter Schools

Join us on May 20th, 2025 at the Statehouse Convention Center for the Spark Symposium!

The 2025 Spark Symposium for Charter Schools is designed to spark ideas, connections, and growth within the charter school community. Attendees can look forward to roundtable discussions, a legislative Q&A session over lunch with a panel of experts, and an awards ceremony to recognize standout achievements within the field. Our symposium will also feature an engaging keynote presentation and talks from our expert presenters, who will provide valuable insights and perspectives on the latest trends and developments in the charter school landscape.

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Arkansas State Legislature

95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025

Since the 95th General Assembly session began on January 13th, over 500 bills have been introduced, with nearly 100 of them related to education. APSRC's legislative team is closely tracking these bills, attending committee hearings, and monitoring floor debates and votes.

Legislative Website

2025 Important Dates

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We provide two daily updates to keep members informed: **Today at the Capitol**, which outlines the day's education-related agenda, and the **Evening Capitol Report**, summarizing committee meetings and providing status updates on tracked bills. Members also have access to the **MY EDgislation** dashboard, a tool to search bills, acts, memos, and rules across multiple sessions. This interactive resource is available through Discere and CFAM. Questions? Contact Michael Helms or Tripp Walter.

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ADE Commissioner's Memo

Arkansas DESE 2025 School Safety Grant

DESE is now accepting applications for the 2025 School Safety Grant, which supports implementing recommendations from the School Safety Commission and ensures safe environments for students and staff. **Eligible districts and charter schools can receive funding based on a formula that includes a base amount of $25,000 plus $19 per student** (based on October 1, 2024, enrollment). The deadline to submit applications is **February 28, 2025**. For more details on the grant priorities and application process, including funding amounts, please view the **memo here**. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Ben Janelle, Director of Technology, at bjanelle@apsrc.net.

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