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Dear Pathways 2 Learning Families,

I am writing to formally notify you that, effective **October 1, 2025**, we will be closing our Dardanelle Pathways 2 Learning site. This decision was not made lightly and comes as a direct result of the recent changes and cuts within the School Readiness Assistance (SRA) program. SRA provides vital child care support by issuing payment to licensed childcare facilities for families who are working or enrolled in an educational program or facility. SRA is funded through the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant. ARVAC Inc, Pathways 2 Learning was notified of this change on 9/19/25 with the changes going into effect on 10/1/25.

After conducting a full review of our operating budget, these changes resulted in a \$443,784 loss for our program across both locations (Lake Point and Dardanelle), creating challenges across many child care centers. Unfortunately, this financial hardship leaves us unable to sustain operations at the Dardanelle location.

To mitigate the impact of this closure, we are consolidating our services into one center, operating out of our Lake Point location. Our team is working diligently to:

- Retain as many staff members as possible,
- Transition enrolled children with minimal disruption, and
- Reduce the burden on families who depend on our services to maintain employment and enrollment of educational services

We recognize the significance of this change for the families, staff, and community we serve, and we are committed to making this transition as seamless as possible.

Thank you for your understanding and continued partnership as we navigate this difficult decision. Please see attached link to the notice families and childcare facilities were provided: <https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/office-of-early-childhood/school-readiness-assistance-program>

Sincerely,

Stephanie Garner
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