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Mr. Jimmy Yarbrough, Superintendent
Searcy County School District
952 Hwy 65N
Marshall, AR 72650

Dear Mr. Yarbrough:

It is with great pleasure that we notify you Marshall High School has been designated as a School of Innovation. In October, a team from the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) toured the school and had the opportunity to talk to students, faculty members, and staff members. Timothy Baysinger scheduled time for the team to meet with him along with the school leadership team. There was also a meeting with the schools Council of Innovation. Designation is based on documented progress toward program goals and information gathered through the DESE team visit. The enclosed School of Innovation (SOI) DESE Designation Review Visit document indicates specific areas of growth.

Congratulations on Marshall High School's official designation as an Arkansas School of Innovation! I would like to encourage you to share your journey with other schools and invite them to visit your campus. Your district has a model school for others to learn from when looking for ways to better meet the needs of their students.

Sincerely,

Johnny Key
Secretary of Education

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cc: Timothy Baysinger, Principal

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