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WISE the 12 students taking the class would have had to change their schedules.

"I didn't want those kids to have Chinese I and not be able to have Chinese II," Smith said.

The Arkansas Department of Education placed the school's accreditation on probation this year because Michelle Fries, who taught the one Chinese class last year, was not certified to teach the course.

The district appealed the department's decision, but the Arkansas State Board of Education rejected the appeal.

Hat-ber Principal Danny Brackett had hoped the school would be able to hire its own Chinese instructor this summer, but he could not find a qualified teacher.

The school planned to offer two Chinese I classes this year, but both were canceled shortly after the school year started. There were 45 students in the courses who had to select new classes.

Brackett said he held out on canceling the second-year class because it would have been detrimental to provide only one year of Chinese. Many colleges expect incoming freshmen to take two years of the same foreign language, he said.

Smith agreed it was important to offer the class to the second-year students.

Senior James Stamps said Fries did a good job teaching the class, but he looks forward to the distance-

**Springdale**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT LAYS OUT**

By Brett Bennett BBENNETT@WMAWONLINE.COM

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Springdale School District has used federal stimulus money to upgrade technology in the classroom. It includes interactive whiteboards, document cameras, and other digital tools to enhance learning.

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