

OFFICE OF STATE SUPERINTENDENT
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
December 20, 2012

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01. Reports on implementation of Senate Bill 2760, 2012 Legislative Session
(Mike Kent)
- A. Report on Administrative Consolidation of school districts in Bolivar County
 - B. Report on the study prepared by Augenblick, Palaich and Associates on the Administrative Consolidation of the State's Agricultural High Schools

No Action: Discussion Only

Back-up material attached

Bolivar County Consolidation Meetings

Pursuant to Senate Bill 2760, the State Board of Education will determine the boundary lines for the territory of the two (2) new school districts in Bolivar County (North Bolivar School District and West Bolivar School District.) It is the responsibility of the State Board of Education with the assistance of the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) to apportion the territory of the two (2) new school districts into five (5) new board of trustee election districts for each new school district.

The following is the list of community meetings to be held to obtain information from the community prior to the Board determining the new district and trustee lines as set forth in Senate Bill 2760. Please contact me via email at mkent@mde.k12.ms.us or call 601.359.5254 if you have any questions.

January 7, 2013 – 6:00 pm

West Bolivar Community Meeting
West Bolivar High School Auditorium
405 North Main Street
Rosedale, MS 38769

January 8, 2013 – 6:00 pm

North Bolivar Community Meeting
Broad Street High School Gym
1305 Martin Luther King Drive
Shelby, MS 38774

January 9, 2013 – 6:00 pm

Shaw Community Meeting
McEvans School Gym
601 HWY 61 North
Shaw, MS 38773

January 10, 2013 – 6:00 pm

Benoit Community Meeting
Ray Brooks Gym
1827 HWY 1
Benoit, MS 38725

January 14, 2013 – 6:00 pm

Mound Bayou Community Meeting
I.T. Montgomery Elementary School Cafeteria
202 Martin Luther King Drive
Mound Bayou, MS 38762



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Memo

To: Mr. Hal Gage, Mr. Richard Morrison, Mr. Charles McClelland
From: Mike Kent
Date: 12/12/2012
Re: Agricultural High Schools

Please find attached a comparison of the academic performance of the agricultural high schools and the districts surrounding each of them. As you can see both Hinds AHS and Coahoma AHS are "F's" and neither met growth. Forrest AHS, on the other hand, was the second highest performer in Forrest County.

In terms of enrollment both Hinds AHS and Coahoma AHS are quite small and are experiencing serious declines in enrollment. Forrest AHS has 615 students and has grown by 12% in the past 5 years.

Also, as we discussed, the Forrest County Board of Supervisors levies 3.16 mils on all the citizens of Forrest County including those in the Hattiesburg and Petal school districts in order to fund the \$1.3 million annual operating budget of Forrest AHS. If the Forrest AHS board (and their taxing authority) were abolished there would be a statutory challenge to transferring that 3.16 mil levy to the Forrest County School District because they are already at the 55 mil cap.

In addition to that challenge, the Forrest County Board of Supervisors has recently approved a \$4 million bond issue to fund new construction (additional classrooms and auditorium) on the Forrest AHS site.