

OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
June 14-15, 2012

OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION

37. Approval of Appointment to the Commission on School Accreditation

The Commission on School Accreditation is composed of fifteen (15) members, with three representatives from each of the five Congressional districts as established at the time the Commission was authorized under MS Code 37-17-3. The membership consists of two classroom teachers, two principals of schools, two school district superintendents, two local school board members, and seven individuals who are not actively engaged in the education profession. The length of a regular term is four years, and each member is eligible to serve for two full consecutive terms. The membership of the Commission shall be appointed by the State Board of Education upon recommendation of the State Superintendent of Education, and all appointments to the Commission shall comply with Section 37-17-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

The following Commission positions are vacant:

- Due to the fulfillment of two, four-year terms of Kim Hubbard, Teacher, there is a vacancy to appoint a Teacher to the first regular term (2012-2016) in Congressional District 3.

Recommendation of the State Superintendent:

Congressional District 3	Heather Westerfield Teacher First Regular Term 2012-2016
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- Due to the retirement of Cathy Broadway, Principal, there is a vacancy to fulfill the unexpired term for Principal (2011-2015) in Congressional District 5.

Recommendation of the State Superintendent:

Congressional District 5	Mike Lindsey Principal Unexpired Term 2011-2015
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- Due to the fulfillment of two, four-year terms of Portia Stewart, Board Member, there is a vacancy to appoint a Board Member to the first regular term (2012-2016) in Congressional District 1.

Recommendation of the State Superintendent:

Congressional District 1	Eddie Prather Board Member
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First Regular Term 2012-2016

The following Commission positions are eligible for re-appointment:

- Due to the completion of an unexpired term, Jeanette Brown, Board Member, is eligible for appointment to the first regular term (2012-2016) in Congressional District 2.

Recommendation of the State Superintendent:

Congressional District 2	Jeanette Brown Board Member First Regular Term 2012-2016
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- Due to the completion of the first regular term, Mary Jean Gates, Non-Educator, is eligible for appointment to the second regular term (2012-2016) in Congressional District 2.

Congressional District 2	Mary Jean Gates Non-Educator Second Regular Term 2012-2016
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- Due to the completion of the first regular term, Norman "Ted" Poore, Principal, is eligible for appointment to the second regular term (2012-2016) in Congressional District 2.

Congressional District 2	Norman "Ted" Poore Principal Second Regular Term 2012-2016
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- Due to the completion of the first regular term, Dr. L. C. Tennin, Jr., Non-Educator, is eligible for appointment to the second regular term (2012-2016) in Congressional District 4.

Congressional District 4	Dr. L. C. Tennin, Jr. Non-Educator Second Regular Term 2012-2016
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Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

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EXPERIENCED EDUCATOR

...dedicated to helping students achieve success and becoming life-long learners

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

PEARL HIGH SCHOOL, Pearl, MS

August 2003 - Present

High School Instructor

- Currently serve as Department Chair of the English Department
- Currently teach English II (nine years) and Advanced Placement English IV (7 years)
- AA Mississippi Public Educator License English grades 7-12 with an endorsement in A.P. Composition and Literature
- Sponsor of the Class of 2014 Super Scholars
- Have also taught Speech, Debate, and Yearbook

Highlighted Achievements

- Named STAR Teacher 2008
- Served on the Prompt Writing Committee, Bias Committee, Data Committee, Passage Review, Committee, and Item Review (twice) with the Mississippi Department of Education
- Named Teacher of the Month four times
- Organized and lead remediation sessions after school to prepare for the English II Subject Area Test
- Have attended with A.P. Summer Institute twice and plan to attend again this summer

PISGAH HIGH SCHOOL, Pisgah, MS

August 2002 – May 2003

Junior High and High School Instructor

- Was the sole 8th grade English teacher and person responsible for preparing students for the MCT test
- Also taught high school and junior high oral communications
- Co-sponsored the Junior Beta Club

FITNESS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

FITNESS LADY, Pearl, MS

August 2006 - present

Part-Time Aerobics Instructor

- Teach a variety of aerobics classes including: step, spin, hi/lo, Zumba, weight training, and water aerobics
- NETA Group Fitness Certification (2006)
- Zumba certified (2008)
- IFTA Indoor Biking Certification (2009)
- United States Water Fitness Association Certification (2009)
- CPR certified
- Have completed six half-marathons
- First place overall female finisher in Run For the Son 5K 2008 and Wells Fest 5K Run 2008

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Ronald McDonald House, UMMC, Jackson, MS

Volunteer

May 2008 – present

Member of Xi Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa
(honorary sorority for women educators dedicated to altruism)

Have held various offices

February 2005-present

EDUCATION

M.Ed., English Education, Mississippi College, Clinton MS

Graduated – August 2006

- G.P.A. 4.0
- Graduated *summa cum laude*

B.A., Major in English with a Minor in Education, Mississippi College, Clinton, MS

Graduated– May 2002

- G.P.A. 4.0
- Graduated *summa cum laude*
- Secretary/Treasurer of Sigma Tau Delta (honorary English fraternity)
- Received Sigma Tau Delta Award
- Did student-teaching at Rosa Scott Middle School and Madison Central High School

A.A., Hinds Community College, Raymond, MS

Graduated – May 2000

- G.P.A. 4.0
- Graduated *summa cum laude*
- Member of the Honors College
- Secretary for Gamma Lambda Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa
- Toured England on Spring Break trip hosted by Honors Program
- Tutored elementary students at a local elementary school

Pearl High School, Pearl, MS

Graduated – May 1998

- Valedictorian – had the highest G.P.A. in graduating class
- Received the Highest Average Award in numerous subjects including A.P. English
- *Clarion-Ledger* All-Star Senior
- Named to the Pearl High School Hall of Fame
- Member and officers of various clubs including National Honor Society, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, and Future Educators of America

Personal

Member, St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral. I serve as an usher and Children's Chapel leader.

Husband, Matthew, works at University of Mississippi Medical Center in the Public Affairs Department

I have one child, a daughter, Laura, who is two.

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Professional Work Experience

August 2006 - Current Gulfport High School Gulfport, MS

Principal Gulfport High School

- Currently preparing to serve my seventh year as GHS Principal
- GHS has received the PREPS Award for outstanding academic gains the last six years
- Gulfport Chamber Administrator of the Year (2012)
- Currently leading Gulfport High School as Pilot School in the Excellence for All Program
- Initiated a partnership between GHS and MGCCC to teach courses on GHS campus for our current students.
- Recognized by *Business Week* as one of the top-rated Parent's Choice Schools in America (2008)
- Have been active in high school cultural exchange program with Erkner Gymnasium (High School) and Gulfport High School. Students and teachers spend 10 days each year in Germany to study the culture and the educational systems.
- Currently integrating Common Core State Standards, Early College, and College and Career Readiness
- Implemented Modeling program in the GHS Science Department.

August 2001 - 2006 Gulfport School District Gulfport, MS

Science Teacher / Head Baseball Coach / Asst. Principal West Elementary (2003-2004) / Asst. Principal Gulfport High (2004 – 2006)

- Taught Biology / Member of Teacher Support Team
- 100% Pass Rate on SATP Biology Test
- Led baseball team to six District Championships, a South State Championships and Runner up in State Championship.
- Assistant Principal at West Elementary / Assisted in leading the school from a Level 3 to a Level 5 School.
- Assisted in leading GHS as Assistant Principal in re-opening after Katrina. GHS was one of the first high schools to open on the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina (2005).

August 1995- June 2001 Natchez High School Natchez, MS

Science Teacher / Head Baseball Coach /Asst. Principal Morgantown Elementary (2000-2001)

- Taught Biology
- Mentor Teacher
- Selected as Technology Teacher Leader at Natchez High
- Led baseball team to six District Championships and an appearance in South State Playoffs

January 1994- May 1995 Coldwater High School Coldwater, MS

Science Teacher / Head Baseball Coach

- Taught Anatomy and Physiology and Biology
- Selected Rookie Teacher of the Year

Education

August 1987-May 1989 Copiah Lincoln Community College Wesson, MS
Associate of Arts in Business

August 1989-December 1993 University of Southern Mississippi Hattiesburg, MS
Bachelor of Arts in Coaching and Sports Administration and Science Education
Teacher Certificate in Biology and General Sciences

August 2000-August 2001 University of Southern Mississippi Hattiesburg, MS
Masters of Education in Educational Administration

Professional Development

- Working on the Work
- Phil Schlechty Leadership Academy
- Cambridge Strategic Planning Training
- NISL Educational Coaching
- NISL Instructional Leader
- PD 360
- Achievement Series
- EZ Evaluation / EZ Test Tracker
- Differentiated Instruction
- Ruby Payne
- Madeline Hunter
- Common Core Readiness
- Career Pathways
- Steven Covey Leadership

Eddie M. Prather

Eddie is a graduate of Falkner High School. He attended Northeast Mississippi Community College, and graduated from Mississippi Valley State University in 1976. He earned a Masters Degree in Education from Mississippi State University.

He began his teaching career at Ripley High School. He then coached basketball at Senatobia High School, and later he accepted his first administrative position in the Senatobia School District. He relocated to Pearl, MS to become principal of Pearl High School. After serving ten years in the Pearl Schools, he accepted a position in the Okolona School District as Superintendent of Education of the Okolona Public School District, where he served for nine years. After thirty (30) years in the Mississippi Public School System, Eddie retired in 2006.

Presently, Eddie is an Educational Consultant and part owner of *The Excellence Group*, an educational consulting firm. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District, a member of the Board of Directors of the CREATE Foundation , CATCH Kids and a number of other boards in Northeast MS. He is a member, deacon, and Sunday School Superintendent of New Providence Missionary Baptist Church in Tupelo, MS.

Eddie is married to the former Priscilla D. Riley of Tupelo. They have two children, Latalia of Jackson, MS, who is a Social Worker for the Jackson Public School District, and Eddie Jr. of Charlotte, NC, who is a Database Administrator with Bank of America.