

**OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Item**  
**September 12-13, 2013**

**OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION**

24. Report from the Commission on School Accreditation concerning the Commission's determination that an extreme emergency situation exists in the Yazoo City School District

On September 10, 2013, the Commission on School Accreditation determined by Resolution that there is sufficient cause to believe that an extreme emergency situation exists in the Yazoo City School District brought on by a continued pattern of poor performance resulting in Yazoo City High School failing for three (3) consecutive years (and thus a new start school per Miss. Code Ann. Section 37-167-1) and 100% of the schools in the district being designated as failing as a result of the 2013 accountability results, which jeopardizes the safety, security, and educational interests of the children enrolled in the schools of this district.

Back-up material attached

## YAZOO CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (8220)

### History of Performance

Accountability Component	School Year	District Level	B. E. Woolfolk Middle	McCoy Elementary	Webster Street <sup>1</sup>	Yazoo City High School
Performance Classification	2009	Academic Watch	Academic Watch	Failing	-	At-Risk of Failing
	2010	At-Risk of Failing	Academic Watch	Failing	-	At-Risk of Failing
	2011	Low Performing	Low Performing	At-Risk of Failing	-	Failing
	<b>2012</b>	<b>F – Failing</b>	<b>F – Low Performing</b>	<b>F – Failing</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>F – Failing</b>
	<b>2013*</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>F</b>
QDI	2009	102	105	94	-	105
	2010	104	119	91	-	101
	2011	105	116	98	-	96
	2012	92	101	83	-	91
	<b>2013*</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>103</b>
Growth	2009	Met	Met	Not Met	-	Not Met
	2010	Not Met	Met	Not Met	-	Not Met
	2011	Not Met	Not Met	Met	-	Not Met
	2012	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	-	Not Met
	<b>2013*</b>	<b>Not Met</b>	<b>Not Met</b>	<b>Met</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Not Met</b>
Graduation Rates (5-Year)	2009	66.0			-	66.0
	2010	63.9			-	63.9
	2011	62.2			-	62.2
	2012	57.5			-	57.5
	<b>2013*</b>	<b>56.2</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>56.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Webster Street Elementary is not included in the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System due to not having achievement and/or growth data.

\* The 2013 Accountability Results are embargoed until approval by the State Board of Education.



## Mississippi Department of Education

Lynn J. House, Ph.D., Interim State Superintendent of Education

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### Educational Accountability

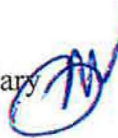
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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Lynn J. House, Ph.D., Interim State Superintendent  
Mississippi Department of Education

**From:** Paula Vanderford, Ph.D., Executive Secretary  
Commission on School Accreditation 

**Date:** September 10, 2013

**Subject:** Commission on School Accreditation Resolution

Enclosed is documentation of the action taken by the Commission on School Accreditation during a meeting today, Tuesday, September 10, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room of the Central High School Building in Jackson, Mississippi. In accordance with Sections 37-167-1 and 37-17-6(12)(b) of the *Mississippi Code of 1972*, as amended, the Commission on School Accreditation has determined that an extreme emergency exists in the Yazoo City School District which jeopardizes the safety, security, and educational interests of the children enrolled in the schools of this District and brought on by a continued pattern of poor performance resulting in Yazoo City High School failing for three (3) consecutive years (and thus a new start school per Miss. Code Ann. Section 37-167-1) and 100% of the schools in the district being designated as failing as a result of the 2013 accountability results.

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# RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 37-17-6 (12) (b) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, the Commission on School Accreditation met in a regularly scheduled meeting on September 10, 2013 to determine whether there was sufficient cause to believe that an extreme emergency situation exists in the Yazoo City School District which jeopardizes the safety, security, and educational interests of the children enrolled in the schools of this District; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Accreditation, Mississippi Department of Education, presented certain information to the Commission regarding the Yazoo City School District's impairments related to serious violations of accreditation standards and state law and a continued pattern of poor student performance, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference as though a part of this Resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Commission on School Accreditation finds the following:

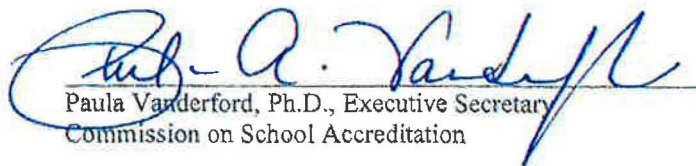
The Commission finds that there is sufficient cause to believe that an extreme emergency situation exists in the Yazoo City School District brought on by a continued pattern of poor performance resulting in Yazoo City High School failing for three (3) consecutive years (and thus a new start school per Miss. Code Ann. Section 37-167-1) and 100% of schools in the district being designated as failing as a result of 2013 accountability results, which jeopardizes the educational interests of the children enrolled in the schools of this District, and which, without intervention by the Commission on School Accreditation and the Mississippi Board of Education, could result in the continuation of an inadequate and unstable educational environment thereby denying the students of this District the opportunity to learn, to excel, and to obtain a free and appropriate public education.

**BE IT KNOWN THAT** the Executive Secretary of the Commission on School Accreditation is directed to immediately distribute a copy of this Resolution to the Interim State Superintendent of Education and the Mississippi Board of Education.

**WITNESS MY SIGNATURE** on this, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D., 2013.



Lee Childress, Ed.D., Chairman  
Commission on School Accreditation




Paula Vanderford, Ph.D., Executive Secretary  
Commission on School Accreditation

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF Madison

This day personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority of law in and for the above named county and state, the within named Dr. Lee Childress, who acknowledged that he signed the above and foregoing instrument of writing on the day and year therein mentioned for the purposes therein shown as his voluntary act and deed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL on this, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2013.

Kimberly D. Ware  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: \_\_\_\_\_



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