

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

OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION

30. Report from the Commission on School Accreditation concerning the Commission's determination that an extreme emergency situation exists in the Leflore County 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 Leflore County School District brought on by the district and four (4) of its five (5) schools being designated as failing schools for two (2) consecutive years demonstrating a continued pattern of poor student performance which jeopardizes the safety, security, and educational interests of the children enrolled in the schools of this district.

Back-up material attached

LEFLORE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (4200)
History of Performance

Accountability Component	School Year	District Level	Amanda Elzy Elem	Amanda Elzy High	C. F. Brown Elem ¹	East Elem	Leflore Co. Elem	Leflore Co. High	T.Y. Fleming ²
Performance Classification	2009	At-Risk of Failing	Failing	At-Risk of Failing	-	Failing	Academic Watch	Failing	High Performing
	2010	Academic Watch	At-Risk of Failing	At-Risk of Failing	-	Academic Watch	Successful	Failing	
	2011	Successful	Academic Watch	Low Performing	-	Successful	Successful	Low-Performing	
	2012	F – Low Performing	D – Academic Watch	F – Low Performing	-	F – Low Performing	F – Low Performing	F – Low Performing	
	2013*	F	F	F	-	F	F	F	
QDI	2009	102	90	101	-	95	113	92	170
	2010	120	110	113	-	117	154	99	
	2011	133	111	132	-	137	146	124	
	2012	120	114	113	-	129	110	129	
	2013*	120	126	115	-	121	115	122	
Growth	2009	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	-	Not Met	Met	Not Met	Met
	2010	Met	Not Met	Not Met	-	Met	Met	Not Met	
	2011	Met	Met	Not Met	-	Met	Met	Not Met	
	2012	Not Met	Met	Not Met	-	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	
	2013*	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	-	Not Met	Not Met	Not Met	
Graduation Rates (5-Year)	2009	58.6		56.5	-			61.9	
	2010	61.0		56.0	-			73.7	
	2011	59.9		58.4	-			62.2	
	2012	67.2		61.9	-			74.4	
	2013*	65.0		60.4	-			71.6	

¹ C. F. Brown Elementary is not included in the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System due to not having achievement and/or growth data.

² T. Y. Fleming closed following the 2008-2009 SY.

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



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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 4th Floor Board Room of the Central High School Building in Jackson, Mississippi. In accordance with Section 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 Leflore County School District brought on by the district and four (4) of its five (5) schools being designated as failing schools for two (2) consecutive years demonstrating a continued pattern of poor student performance which jeopardizes the safety, security, and educational interests of the children enrolled in the schools of this district.

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 Leflore County 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 Leflore County 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 Leflore County School District brought on by the district and four (4) of its five (5) schools being designated as failing schools for two (2) consecutive years demonstrating a continued pattern of poor student performance which jeopardizes the safety, security, and 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 10th 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 10th day of September, A.D. 2013.

Kimberly D. Ware
NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:



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. Paula Vanderford, who acknowledged that she signed the above and foregoing instrument of writing on the day and year therein mentioned for the purposes therein shown as her voluntary act and deed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL on this, the 16th day of September, A.D. 2013.

Kimberly D. Ware
NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

