

**OFFICE OF CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
November 12, 2014**

OFFICE OF SCHOOL FINANCIAL SERVICES

13. Approval to remove the financial advisor from the Carroll County School District

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR
STACEY E. PICKERING
STATE AUDITOR
October 28, 2014

Ms. Donna C. Nester, Manager
Office of School Financial Services
Mississippi Department of Education
Post Office Box 771
Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0771

Re: Carroll County School District

Dear Ms. Nester:

In accordance with Section 37-9-18, Mississippi Code Annotated, 1972, on March 11, 2014, because of a deficit fund balance in the General Fund at June 30, 2013, we notified you of a serious financial condition at Carroll County School District. As a result, a financial advisor was assigned to the School District. Based on the results of an audit of Carroll County School District for the year ended June 30, 2014, and a Report on the Financial Condition of the School District, prepared by the financial advisor, you have now concluded that the serious financial condition no longer exists at Carroll County School District.

We recently reviewed and approved the completed audit report of Carroll County School District for the year ended June 30, 2014, audited by Cunningham CPAs, PLLC, Certified Public Accountants. The audit report reflects a deficit fund balance in the General Fund in the amount of \$1,178,290 and advances from the Sixteenth Section Principal Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$1,331,397. Because the advances were sufficient in amount to more than offset the General Fund deficit, according to our established criteria, we concur that the serious financial condition no longer exists at Carroll County School District.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Thomas Vickers".

J. Thomas Vickers, CPA
Director, Contract Audit Review section