

OFFICE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT, OVERSIGHT AND RECOVERY
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
February 20-21, 2014

OFFICE OF SAFE AND ORDERLY SCHOOLS

03. Report on School Safety Update

The safest schools are derived from a multilevel, coordinated, and integrated approach to support the implementation of sound policies and procedures. To support this collaborative effort many state and federal agencies have partnered through the Active Shooter Task Force, established by Governor Phil Bryant, to sponsor Regional Institutes on School Safety.

Mr. Robert Latham, Executive Director, Mississippi Emergency Management Agency will provide an update on the Institutes and discuss plans to provide future professional development opportunities. These Institutes are designed for school administrators/personnel, law enforcement personnel, mental health professionals, school safety officers, emergency responders/management personnel, elected officials, and other community leaders to engage in a comprehensive effort toward promoting a safe school environment. Presenters share information on best practices, lessons learned, national incident management system, school safety assessment and planning, systematic response, available resources, and other pertinent topics.

Training conducted during Summer 2013:

Clinton, Mississippi	102 attendees
Oxford, Mississippi	141 attendees
Hattiesburg, Mississippi	219 attendees
Cleveland, Mississippi	99 attendees

Training for Spring/Summer 2014 will be scheduled soon.

The Active Shooter Task Force is currently planning to conduct four (4) regional sessions prior to the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year. These trainings will be conducted in partnership with many other state and federal partners. The Mississippi Department of Education's Office of Safe and Orderly Schools and the Office of Federal Programs are participating in this initiative.

Mississippi Department of Education staff will provide an update on the number of districts in compliance with Mississippi Public School Accountability Standard 37.1 and introduce the In Safe Hands Award program sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Education.

No Action: Discussion Only

Back-up material attached

SCHOOL SAFETY ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING CERTIFICATION
FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR
FOURTH REQUEST

As Superintendent and Chairman of the _____ School District, we certify that all schools in the school district have conducted a school safety assessment and developed a written school safety plan.

As Superintendent and Chairman of the _____ School District, we certify that School Safety Plans developed by the School Safety Team:

- Are in compliance with all state and federal requirements;
- Address the results of the local school safety assessment;
- Address the unique needs of each school in the District;
- Are a result of collaboration with local authorities and each have been provided a copy of the school safety plan and a layout/map of the school facility; and
- Include a communication plan that at minimum addresses law enforcement, students, staff, parents, and media.

As Superintendent and Chairman of the _____ School District, we certify that:

- Every school employee in the District will receive annual training on the School Safety Plan within 45 days of signing this documentation form;
- Written documentation of such training shall be kept on file by a school administrator by using the School Safety Employee Training Documentation Form as provided by the Mississippi Department of Education; and
- The School Safety Plan is being implemented in each school in the District.

Chairman, School Board _____
Printed Name Signature Date

School Superintendent _____
Printed Name Signature Date

This certification form must be submitted to psmcneill@mde.k12.ms.us by February 28, 2014.