

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

OFFICE OF CONSERVATORSHIP

06. Report on the following Conservator Districts:

- A. North Panola School District
- B. Hazlehurst City School District
- C. Tate County School District
- D. Sunflower County School District to include Drew and Indianola School District

Four Conservator Districts, Hazlehurst, Tate County, North Panola, and the Sunflower Consolidated School District (Drew, Indianola and Sunflower) have been selected to return to their local communities and begin the process of reconstituting the local school board of education and the selection of a superintendent of education.

Mississippi Code 37-5-7 mandated school board elections in November 2013 with elected members taking office January 1, 2014. Hazlehurst, North Panola, and Tate County conducted elections to comply with the law.

Senate Bill 2330 (Section 35-7-104, Mississippi Code of 1972), provides for the administrative consolidation of (Drew, Indianola and Sunflower County School District) by July 1, 2014. School board elections were held as planned to comply with the law.

School board members from each school district received the required "School Board Member Training" January 16-18, 2014 from the Mississippi School Board Association (MSBA). The four districts intend to contract with the MSBA to conduct the superintendent search and submit the top candidates for the local school board and the conservator to interview and make a selection. The selection process by the board of education and the conservator for the new superintendent of education should begin on or before April 15, 2014. All four districts plan to have a superintendent in place on or before July 1, 2014.

No Action: Discussion Only