

OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
March 20-21, 2014

OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION

16. Discussion to revise Accreditation Policy 2.3, Annual Accreditation Statuses, to read under the definition of Withdrawn that any school district placed in conservatorship may have its accreditation withdrawn

(Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with one public comment)

Policy 2.3, Annual Accreditation Statuses, is being revised to allow the Commission on School Accreditation and State Board of Education greater flexibility regarding the Withdrawal of Accreditation in a district that is placed in Conservatorship.

The temporary and final action is necessary to implement the policy revisions for the 2013-2014 school year immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 25-43-3.113(2)(b)(ii) of the *Mississippi Code of 1972*, as amended. For a rule to become effective immediately upon its filing, the Board is required to make a finding that the rule only confers a benefit or removes a restriction on the public or some segment thereof.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**REVISED ACCREDITATION
POLICY 2.3 OF THE
*MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SCHOOL
ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARDS,
2012***

APA COMMENTS

JANUARY 21 – MARCH 18, 2014

From: [Paula Vanderford](#)
To: [Accountability](#)
Subject: FW: APA process and revisions to Accreditation Policy 2.3 of the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2012
Date: Friday, February 21, 2014 4:45:09 PM

From: Joseph White [mailto:JWhite@forest.k12.ms.us]
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2014 4:40 PM
To: Paula Vanderford
Subject: APA process and revisions to Accreditation Policy 2.3 of the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2012

RE: APA process and revisions to Accreditation Policy 2.3 of the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2012

Paula,

I feel that the revisions to the Accreditation Policy 2.3 are appropriate. In my opinion, this revision will allow MDE more flexibility in making the tough decisions based on the circumstances of each individual school district, in addition to preserving the best interests of the students in our schools.

I appreciate the commitment and dedication from you and the committee as you strive to continually improve our schools in Mississippi.

Respectfully,

Joseph White
Superintendent
Forest Municipal School District