

**OFFICE OF CHIEF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**July 23, 2014**

**OFFICE OF CONSERVATORSHIP**

04. Approval of Dr. Debra Dace as Superintendent of Sunflower County Consolidated School District

**Executive Summary**

The Sunflower County Consolidated School District as of July 1, 2014 now includes Drew School District and Indianola School District. Mississippi Code Section 37-7-104 outlines the consolidation procedures of the Sunflower County Consolidated School District and specifically provides: The selection of the appointed county superintendent of education and the assistant superintendent of education in the central administration office of the successor countywide school district shall be the responsibility of the successor county board of education with the approval of the Mississippi Department of Education Conservator and the State Board of Education.

Sunflower County School District and Indianola School District prior to July 1, 2014 worked with the Mississippi School Boards Association in the process to select the new superintendent. Based on the information that was received from the Mississippi School Boards Association and the collective input of board members, the board of trustees selected a candidate that it believed would ensure unity in the district's and community's effort to impact student achievement. The Conservator of the Sunflower County School District and the Conservator of the Indianola School District concur with the board's decision and will yield their support to the success of the new superintendent, Dr. Debra Dace.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached