

**OFFICE OF CHIEF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE OFFICER  
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items  
March 19-20, 2015**

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03. Report on school district consolidation of Clay County/West Point

No Action: Discussion Only

Back-up material attached

## West Point Consolidated School District

1. Miss. Code § 37-7-104.2:
  - "The State Board of Education shall provide for the administrative consolidation of the school districts in Clay County on or before July 1, 2015."
  - "State Board of Education has plenary authority"
  - "may move on its own motion to consolidate any district which does not voluntarily consolidate"
2. MDE has conducted six (6) on-site technical assistance/guidance sessions and numerous telephone conference calls.
3. New Consolidated Board members have been elected and are functioning. Their immediate focus is selecting legal counsel, hiring a superintendent, adopting a common salary scale, reviewing existing district budgets and policy manuals, and selecting a common business/financial software package.
4. County elected officials i.e., tax assessor, chancery clerk and board of supervisors have been included in all meetings and are preparing for the required adjustments as it relates to tax millage, debt service, homestead exemption, 16<sup>th</sup> section responsibilities, etc.
5. Process is on schedule.