

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
August 18, 2016

OFFICE OF DISTRICT ACCREDITATION

H. Approval of an Accredited-Temporary Status for CARES School-Saucier

Background Information: Based on nonpublic school accreditation policy 2.3, an Accredited-Temporary status may be assigned to a satellite school established by the governing body of an accredited nonpublic school currently on record with the State Board of education.

CARES School, Inc., in Jackson has opened the CARES School in Saucier as an individualized educational, behavioral, and residential treatment program for students ages 6-18 who often display either emotional and/or behavioral difficulties in school and/or at home. Students at CARES of Saucier School are placed by local public school districts that do not have appropriate services for these students and may be placed by the Department of Human Services and/or parents. Students receive specialized programming addressing their academic needs, which is coordinated with the Mississippi College and Career Ready Standards to prepare students to successfully return to their local schools.

CARES of Saucier School is staffed with a full-time principal, 2 full-time special education teachers, 2 teachers, 1 clinical director, 2 therapists, and 7 residential advisors. Currently, 14 students are enrolled. The school has collaborative agreements with Harrison County, Pass Christian, Hancock County, Pearl River County, Biloxi, Pascagoula, and Long Beach School Districts.

Recommendation: Approval