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Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
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3B. Action: Approval of Mississippi Achievement School District selection criteria [Goals 1, 2, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background Information: In accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated § 37-17-17, there is created the Mississippi Achievement School District for the purpose of transforming persistently failing public schools and districts throughout the state into quality educational institutions. The Mississippi Achievement School District shall be a statewide school district, separate and distinct from all other school districts but not confined to any specified geographic boundaries, and may be comprised of any public schools or school districts in the state which, during two (2) consecutive school years, are designated an "F" school or district by the State Board of Education under the accountability rating system or which have been persistently failing and chronically underperforming.

The Achievement School District Work Group is recommending the following prioritized criteria for identification of districts:

- The Mississippi Achievement School District shall only take over the number of districts for which it has the capacity to serve, AND
- Districts must have been identified as an "F" district for two (2) consecutive years or two (2) of three (3) consecutive years, AND
- 50% or more of schools are rated as an "F" school
AND/OR
- 50% or more of students in the district are in an "F" school

Note: For the purpose of identification, districts in the process of being consolidated will be considered to have the higher of the grades of the districts being consolidated, based upon the most recent results consistent with the effective date of the consolidation

This item references Goals 1, 2, and 6 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2016-2020 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None