

Greetings Superintendents,

On August 16, 2018, in its regularly scheduled meeting, the State Board of Education (SBE) granted approval of a temporary rule and to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process to revise the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2018*; specifically, the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System to assign a grade classification to all schools in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-17-6(5) and *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* effective for school year 2017-2018.

On August 23, 2018, the SBE held a special-called meeting and granted approval of a temporary rule and to begin the APA process to revise the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2018*; specifically, the business rules of the Mississippi Statewide Accountability System to reset the baseline scores for schools with Grade 12 effective for school year 2017-2018.

Attached is an excerpt from the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2018*, outlining the proposed changes.

Please submit written comments to Alan Burrow, Director, Office of District and School Performance, 359 N. West Street, Post Office Box 771, Jackson, MS 39205-0771. You may also submit comments in writing via e-mail (accreditation@mdek12.org) or fax 601-359-1979.

All public comments must be received in the Office of District and School Performance no later than **5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 17, 2018**. All APA comments will be presented to the SBE on **September 20, 2018**.

Please do not hesitate to contact Alan Burrow, aburrow@mdek12.org or me if you have additional questions.

Thanks,
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