

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
September 17, 2024

OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION

D. Approval of an Accredited -Temporary Status for CARES School, Biloxi, MS

Background Information: Based on Policy 2.3 of the *Mississippi Nonpublic Accountability Standards, 2024*, 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, a satellite school established and governed by Canopy Children’s Solutions, is a nonprofit, individualized academic environment for children with an array of learning differences. Canopy Children’s Solutions also owns and operates the CARES School of Hattiesburg and the CARES School of Jackson which are accredited by the State Board of Education.

CARES School Biloxi is staffed with a Director of Education, a full-time principal, a school-based therapist, a Special Education Director, four (4) teachers, and four (4) behavior educational interventionists (specialized teacher assistants) for grades Kindergarten through 12th grade with a current enrollment of 16 students. The school partners with local school districts and child protective services for placement of students as the LRE. School districts contract with Canopy Children’s Solutions to provide specialized services and are billed with a daily rate. This site will pursue Educable Child approved status.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None