

MEMORANDUM

To: Local Superintendents of Education, Officials of Eligible Non-public Schools, and All Other Education Stakeholders

From: Dr. Cory M. Murphy, Executive Director
Office of Teaching and Leading

Date: Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Subject: Notice of State Board of Education Approval to Adjust Required Passing Score for Praxis Subject Assessment, Mathematics: Content Knowledge (Test Code 5161)

On Thursday, May 17, 2018, the Mississippi State Board of Education (SBE) granted approval to adjust the required passing score for Praxis Subject Assessment Mathematics: Content Knowledge (Test Code 5161). This is one criterion of the multistep licensure process, that allows candidates with a score of 152 or higher to meet the licensure subject area assessment requirement for obtaining a Mathematics 7-12 (endorsement code 154) license.

Applicants who meet all requirements for obtaining a Mississippi license in the area of Mathematics 7-12 (endorsement code 154) which includes achieving a score of 152 or higher for test 5161, will need to submit a **new** application to the Educator Licensure Division. New applications should be submitted on or after **Friday, May 25, 2018**, this will allow adequate time for the Educator Licensure Management System (ELMS) to be updated.

Candidates seeking entrance into one of Mississippi's State Board of Education approved non-traditional pathways to licensure who have met all other preconditions for entrance and have achieved a score of 152 or higher for test 5161, will need to contact an approved educator preparation program provider directly to inquire about admission to the program.

Please assist us with disseminating and orally communicating the contents of this memorandum to all prospective secondary mathematics teachers. Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Educator Licensure team for assistance via telephone at (601) 359-3483. We appreciate and value the opportunity to serve you.

c: Dr. Paula A. Vanderford