

OFFICE OF STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Item
January 15, 2026

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
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05. Action: Consideration and determination by the State Board of Education that the Wilkinson County School District is impaired with a history of serious academic deficiencies which warrants their placement into a District of Transformation in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-17-6(12)(b)(ii) [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background Information: The Wilkinson County School District has demonstrated a history of serious academic deficiencies as demonstrated by the accountability and assessment scores which, without intervention by the State Board of Education, could result in the continuation of an inadequate educational environment thereby, denying the students of this district the opportunity to learn, to excel, and to obtain a free and appropriate public education.

- A. Information: History of serious academic deficiencies in the Wilkinson County School District, which warrants their placement into a District of Transformation in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-17-6(12)(b)(ii)
- B. Action: Consideration and determination by the State Board of Education that the Wilkinson County School District is impaired with a history of serious academic deficiencies which warrants their placement into a District of Transformation in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-17-6(12)(b)(ii)
- C. Action: Consideration and determination by the State Board of Education to officially abolish the Wilkinson County School District
- D. Action: Adoption of resolution contingent upon the determination by the State Board of Education that the Wilkinson County School District is impaired with a history of serious academic deficiencies which warrants their abolishment and placement into a District of Transformation in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-17-6(12)(b)(ii) and Miss. Code Ann. § 37-17-13
- E. Action: Approval of the appointment of an Interim Superintendent for the Wilkinson County School District contingent upon the Board's abolishment of the school district

- F. Action: Approval of the employment agreement for the Interim Superintendent for the Wilkinson County School District contingent upon the Board's abolishment of the school district

This item references Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached