

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
February 19, 2025

OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION

- J. Information: Report on action of the Commission on School Accreditation to downgrade the Accreditation status of the Okolona Separate School District from ACCREDITED to PROBATION

Background information: On October 14, 2025, the Commission on School Accreditation assigned the Okolona Separate School District an Accreditation Status of ACCREDITED for the 2025-2026 School Year. However, pursuant to Accreditation Policy 2.5 of the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2025* an assigned accreditation status may remain unchanged during that school year except in those cases where verified noncompliance of accreditation standards may downgrade an accreditation status immediately, in accordance with Policy 2.5.1 or 2.5.2.

Due to the severity of the Okolona Separate School District's violations of Process Standard 4, the Mississippi Department of Education requested that the Commission on School Accreditation downgrade the Okolona Separate School District's Accreditation Status from ACCREDITED to PROBATION at its February 5, 2026, regularly scheduled meeting. The Commission on School Accreditation voted unanimously to downgrade the accreditation status of the Okolona Separate School District from ACCREDITED to PROBATION. In accordance with Accreditation Policy 2.1, action of the Commission is final, unless appealed by the school board of the school district to the State Board of Education as specified in the appeal procedures outlined in Accreditation Policy 6.4.

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Back-up material: None