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## MEMORANDUM

To: School District Superintendents  
School District Principals  
Members, State Board of Education  
Members, Commission on School Accreditation  
Other Interested Parties

From: Paula A. Vanderford, Ph.D.  
Education Bureau Manager 

Date: September 18, 2013

Subject: **Statewide Accountability System Effective School Year 2013-2014**

On September 13, 2013, the State Board of Education (SBE) granted approval to begin the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) process to approve the proposed recommendations for the Statewide Accountability System beginning school year 2013-2014. The proposed recommendations of the Accountability Task Force and the Technical Review Team were approved by the Commission on School Accreditation on September 10, 2013.

The proposed recommendations for the Statewide Accountability System will be effective upon the completion of the APA process for school years 2013-2014 and thereafter. The approved recommendations for the Statewide Accountability System are attached for your review. Also attached is the September 12, 2013 presentation to the State Board of Education. Districts will receive additional information from the Office of Accreditation and Accountability throughout the APA process. State level impact data for school year 2012-2013 will be provided to districts on or before October 28, 2013. We hope you will utilize this additional information as you consider your comments.

You may submit comments in writing by mail or e-mail ([accountability@mde.k12.ms.us](mailto:accountability@mde.k12.ms.us)), or they may be faxed to 601-359-1979 and received in the Office of Accreditation and Accountability no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2013. All written comments will be compiled and submitted to the SBE Thursday, November 14, 2013. Please submit written comments to Paula A. Vanderford, Education Bureau Manager, Office of Accreditation and Accountability, Post Office Box 771, Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0771.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Accreditation and Accountability at 601-359-3764, or e-mail [pvanderford@mde.k12.ms.us](mailto:pvanderford@mde.k12.ms.us).

Enclosures

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