

OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
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TEACHER CENTER

17. Report on the Task Force to Study Strategies for Solving the Current Teacher Shortage in Mississippi

Background:

HOUSE BILL 1047 created a task force to study strategies for solving Mississippi's teacher shortage. Final recommendations will be reported to the Governor and the Legislature regarding teacher attrition, retention and growth in our state.

The Task Force focused their work on the following key areas:

- (a) Teacher salaries;
- (b) Future educators;
- (c) Working conditions of educators;
- (d) Relevant professional development for educators;
- (e) Adequate and equitable resources and support for educators;
- (f) Safety and respect in the schools; and
- (g) Parental and community involvement in the schools.

The Task Force identified nine strategies to positively impact teacher attrition, retention and growth in Mississippi.

Recommendation: Approval

Backup material attached