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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 37-17-6 (11) (b) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, the Commission on School Accreditation met in a special-called meeting on June 14, 2011 to determine whether there was sufficient cause to believe that an extreme emergency situation exists in the Drew School District which jeopardizes the safety, security, and educational interests of the children enrolled in the schools of this District; and,

WHEREAS, the Office of Accreditation, Mississippi Department of Education, presented certain information to the Commission regarding the Drew School District's impairments related to serious violations of accreditation standards, violations of state and federal law, a continued pattern of poor student performance, and a lack of financial resources, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference as though a part of this Resolution;

WHEREAS, the Financial Advisor appointed by the Mississippi Board of Education in response to correspondence from the State Auditor and the Office of Policy and School Financial Services, Mississippi Department of Education, presented certain information to the Commission regarding serious concerns pertaining to financial resources in the District, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "B" and incorporated by reference as though a part of this Resolution; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission on School Accreditation finds the following:

The Commission finds that there is sufficient cause to believe that an extreme emergency situation exists in the Drew School District brought on by serious findings related to serious violations of accreditation standards, violations of state and federal law, a continued pattern of poor student performance and a lack of financial resources which jeopardize the safety, security, and educational interests of the children enrolled in the schools of this District, and which, without intervention by the Commission on School Accreditation and the Mississippi Board of Education, could result in the continuation of an inadequate and unstable educational environment, thereby denying the students of this District the opportunity to learn, to excel, and to obtain a free and appropriate public education.

BE IT KNOWN THAT the Executive Secretary of the Commission on School Accreditation is directed to immediately distribute a copy of this Resolution to the State Superintendent of Education and the Mississippi Board of Education.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this, the 14th day of June A.D., 2011.

Lee Childress, Vice-Chairman
Commission on School Accreditation

Paula Vanderford, Executive Secretary
Commission on School Accreditation

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COUNTY OF Hinds

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

This day personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority of law in and for the above named county and state, the within named Lee Childress and Paula Vanderford who acknowledged that they signed the above and foregoing instrument of writing on the day and year therein mentioned for the purposes therein shown as their voluntary act and deed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL on this, the 14th day of June, A.D. 2011.

Elizabeth Dungan
NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: _____

