

OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS & SPECIAL SCHOOLS
Summary of State Board of Education Items
October 20 – 21, 2011

EDUCATOR LICENSURE

25. Approval of school districts with need for administrators to participate in the Mississippi School Administrator Sabbatical Program.

Mississippi School Administrator Sabbatical Program

In 1998, the Mississippi Legislature amended the Mississippi School Administrator Sabbatical Program. The legislation enables Mississippi school districts to grant sabbatical leave to licensed teachers employed in Mississippi schools for not less than three years. The purpose is to allow such teachers to participate full-time in an educational leadership program and become local school district administrators. The conditions of eligibility, compensation, reimbursement, obligation, breach of contract, and availability are set forth in law and the State Board of Education policy.

Participating teachers receive the benefits of focused study on a university campus and practical administrative internships in local school districts. Participating school districts benefit from an increased supply of potential candidates for future administrative openings.

School-based accountability for student growth and performance demands knowledgeable and skilled leadership. Through the sabbatical program, local school districts, colleges and universities, the Mississippi Department of Education, and the Mississippi Legislature are working in partnership to ensure that Mississippi has an ample supply of well-informed and well-prepared leaders for tomorrow's schools.

School District Justification of Need for Administrators
October 2011

The Office of Educator Licensure recommends approval of the following school districts as eligible to participate in the 2011-2012 Mississippi School Administrator Sabbatical Program on the basis of their identified need for school administrators:

Vicksburg Warren School District

- Currently thirty school based administrators
- Thirteen administrators meet retirement criteria
- Need to create a diverse pool of administrators to staff administrative vacancies.

Backup Material: Attached

Recommendation: Approval