

**OFFICE OF CHIEF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**January 21, 2016**

**OFFICE OF SCHOOL AND EDUCATOR ACCOUNTABILITY**

07. Information: *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) planning team update regarding Reauthorization of Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965 [Goals 1 and 2 – MDE Strategic Plan]

On December 10, 2015, the President signed into law the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA), which reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). The reauthorized law prioritizes excellence and equity for our students and supports great educators. The signing of the ESSA provides an opportunity for states to revisit the plans presented in the State's Consolidated State Plan under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, as well as the revisions presented in the State's ESEA Flexibility Request.

The Mississippi Department of Education ESSA Planning Team is an intelligence and risk-assessment group, providing analytic service to the State Superintendent. Through on-going study of the law and developing position papers, the team will provide senior leadership with key information related to policy and implementation. Members of the team are fluid through the implementation process, but consist of the Executive Leadership Team as well as the director or decision-making designee from the following offices: Chief Academic Officer's offices of Elementary Education, Federal Programs, Professional Development, Secondary Education, and Special Education; Chief Information Officer's office of Data Analysis and Reporting; Chief Research and Development Officer's offices of Educator Effectiveness, Educator Quality, School Accountability, and Student Assessment; Chief School Performance Officer's offices of Accreditation and School Improvement; and Chief Operating Officer's office of School Financial Services.

This item references Goals 1 and 2 of the *Mississippi Department of Education 2016-2020 Strategic Plan*.

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**Item 07 – ESSA Update Brief**

**Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Study Group: Joint Office Project**

The primary focus of the ESSA Study Group is to provide policy briefing papers regarding the statutory requirements of the new law in relation to current state laws and Board of Education policy. The group met for the first meeting on January 6, 2016, and agreed to meet weekly to organize the work required by passage of ESSA. The group organized the law into large themes or topics, with subgroups of members working around key aspects of the law, impact on board policy, and general effects on education in Mississippi. The teams will work to provide updates on the assigned topic, in order to make best use of the full group’s time in planning and providing input.

**TEAM MEMBERSHIP**

<b>Division</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Role (<u>Key Theme Assignment</u>)</b>
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