

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**Title:** Plan for Statewide Assistance for Schools**Type of Executive Summary:**

- Action Action on First Reading Discussion Information

Policy Implications:

- Constitution _____
 General Statute # _____
 SBE Policy # _____
 SBE Policy Amendment
 SBE Policy (New)
 APA # _____
 APA Amendment
 APA (New)
 Other _____

Presenter(s): Dr. Rebecca Garland (Chief Academic Officer, Academic Services and Instructional Support)**Description:**

Historically, immediately following the adoption of the annual ABCs of Public Education test results, the State Board of Education approves the deployment of assistance teams. However, in 2007-2008 the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) instituted a new system of district and school assistance that replaced the assistance team model.

Using a formula that incorporates ABC status, No Child Left Behind status, and a district's capacity to provide resources, Academic Services staff compiled a priority list of schools needing assistance from DPI. In addition to serving schools that are Low Performing under the ABCs or in various levels of Improvement under No Child Left Behind, DPI is also required to serve districts that are at the Corrective Action level of District Improvement.

The attachment outlines the Department's plan for a Statewide System of Support that incorporates the requirements listed above under both the state and federal accountability programs.

Since 2006 the Department has been responding to a directive from Judge Manning and Governor Easley to provide services to high schools with performance composites under 60%. Staff from the District and School Transformation Division have been working with high schools in Turnaround. Dr. Pat Ashley will give an update on the progress of these high schools.

Resources:**Input Process:****Stakeholders:**

Students, Parents, LEAs

Timeline For Action:

This item is being brought to the December 2008 SBE meeting for Information and will return for Discussion in January 2009.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the SBE accept the Plan for a Statewide System of Support at a future SBE meeting.

 Audiovisual equipment requested for the presentation:

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