

<b>MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:</b>	<b>June 2016</b>
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CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION HONORING RON LANKFORD,  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

<b>STATUTORY AUTHORITY:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Consent Item <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Item <input type="checkbox"/> Report Item
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Section 161.092, RSMo

**DEPARTMENT GOALS NOS. 1-4:**

All Missouri students will graduate college and career ready.

All Missouri children will enter kindergarten prepared to be successful in school.

Missouri will prepare, develop and support effective educators.

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will improve departmental efficiency and operational effectiveness.

**SUMMARY:**

Dr. Ron Lankford has served the Department as Deputy Commissioner of the Division of Financial and Administrative Services for six years. Prior to his role as deputy commissioner, Dr. Lankford served 40 years as a teacher, counselor, principal, associate superintendent and superintendent in Missouri public schools.

**PRESENTER:**

Commissioner Vandeven will lead the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department recommends that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution honoring Dr. Lankford for his service as Deputy Commissioner.

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Resolution

**Whereas**, Dr. Ronald Lankford has served the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for six years as deputy commissioner of the Division of Financial and Administrative Services; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Lankford is highly regarded throughout the state and respected for his expertise and leadership in financial management and academic issues; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Lankford has served public education in Missouri for more than 40 years, first as a social studies teacher and counselor in the Harrisburg School District, then principal, associate superintendent and superintendent in the Webb City School District before joining the department; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Lankford was named Superintendent of the Year in 2010 by the Missouri Association of School Administrators and, in 2015, honored as one of Southwest Missouri's PathFinders, a recognition by the *Joplin Globe* newspaper of 10 men and women who are leaders in their fields; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Lankford oversees the department's distribution of federal and state funds to local school districts and other education agencies; provides assistance to local school officials with budgeting, audits, and financial reporting; and offers support to local schools in the areas of governance and administration; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Lankford oversees administration of federal school lunch and breakfast programs and management of the department's internal business operations, such as accounting and procurement, budget, and human resources; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Lankford has diligently provided steady counsel on behalf of the department to Missouri lawmakers when discussing issues of educational funding;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Missouri State Board of Education formally commends Dr. Lankford for his leadership; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the Board expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Lankford for his commitment to excellence in education and for his outstanding service to the State of Missouri, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Missouri's school districts and communities, and the students enrolled in public education in Missouri.

Presented June 14, 2016, at Jefferson City, Missouri

[Signed]  
Charlie Shields, President  
Missouri State Board of Education