

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM: March 2015

CONSIDERATION OF CLASSIFICATION OF THE NORMANDY SCHOOLS COLLABORATIVE

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Sections 162.081 and 161.092 RSMo

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DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 1:

All Missouri students will graduate college and career ready.

SUMMARY:

The State Board of Education's and Department's focus has been to ensure the children in Normandy have access to high quality education, including the schools in their community.

On September 18, 2012, the State Board of Education classified the Normandy School District as unaccredited, with the classification effective January 1, 2013. Later, the State Board lapsed the Normandy School District effective June 30, 2014; established the Normandy Schools Collaborative effective July 1, 2014; and classified the Collaborative as a state oversight district.

Pursuant to Section 162.081 RSMo, the Joint Executive Governing Board (JEGB) of the Normandy Schools Collaborative (NSC) was authorized, under the guidance of the State Board of Education, with all authority granted to a seven-director school district under the laws of the State of Missouri. In December 2014, the JEGB was further granted increased authority over the evaluation, hiring and discipline of personnel and the ongoing implementation of the NSC Accountability Plan.

A recent court ruling stipulated that the State Board of Education must classify the Normandy Schools Collaborative as unaccredited.

Missouri Law, Section 162.081RSMo, provides that, upon a district's initial classification or reclassification as unaccredited, that the State Board of Education shall review the governance of the district to establish the conditions under which the existing school board shall continue to govern; or determine the date the district shall lapse and determine an alternative governing structure for the district. The JEGB governance ensures continuity and stability of the Collaborative.

PRESENTER(S):

William (Bill) Thornton, General Counsel, will assist with the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends that the Normandy Schools Collaborative be classified as unaccredited effective immediately, and that the JEGB continues governance of the Normandy Schools Collaborative.