About the NC SBE

Dr. Ashley reviewed the need to: establish performance composites less than 55 percent. Turnaround plans will target schools with five consecutive years of low performance and 17 schools have four consecutive years of performance composites below 55 percent.

Benjamin “Ben” Curtis, Superintendent Advisor William R. “Bill” McNeal, Principal of the Year Margaret E. Aycock and outgoing State Board of Education advisors commend the dedication and hard work of all involved.

● The Strategic Plan for School Improvement has outlined a framework for districts and schools to offer the full array of mental health services to students.

- The Charter School Advisory Committee recommended five charter school applications be given preliminary approval. These included: Neuse Charter School (Johnston County), Pine Lake Preparatory (Iredell County), High Point Academy Charter School (Mecklenburg County), Columbus Charter School (Columbus County), and All City Charter School (Wake County).

- The State Board of Education approved Linda Brunson and Betsy Burrows - have agreed to serve a second term if approved by the Board of Governor’s, Governor’s School Membership (EEO 6).

- Board members discussed for action next month a revision to Board requirements. These teachers must satisfy current provisional or lateral entry license requirements. Individuals who have earned an undergraduate degree in the native language and given priority.

- Board members have recommended new teacher licensure requirements. These include: Native speakers of a foreign language who have earned a bachelor’s degree in the native language. Native speakers of a foreign language who have earned at least a baccalaureate degree delivered in the native language. This would allow flexibility in the use of teacher mentor funds submitted by Hickory Board of Education. The Board is expected to act on this revision to facilitate the employment of teachers from other states who have met these requirements.

- Board members also recommended policy that would allow colleges and universities to appeal to the Board for a waiver of the Praxis I testing requirements for admission to a teacher education program. This would provide flexibility for students who may not have met the Praxis I testing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- The Board reserved $500,000 from the At-Risk Reserve to fund professional course development using regional training and the train-the-trainer approach. The State Board reserves $500,000 from the At-Risk Reserve to fund professional course development using regional training and the train-the-trainer approach. The Board is expected to act on this revision to facilitate the employment of teachers from other states who have met these requirements.

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- The State Board would delay corrective action if the district makes AYP for one or two additional years. The Board approved a proposed policy that would allow flexibility in the use of teacher mentor funds submitted by Hickory Board of Education. The Board is expected to act on this revision to facilitate the employment of teachers from other states who have met these requirements.