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MEMORANDUM

TO: Gearl Loden, Superintendent
Tupelo Public School District (4120)

FROM: Paula A. Vanderford, Ph.D., Education Bureau Manager
Office of Accreditation

DATE: October 29, 2014

SUBJECT: **Assigned Accreditation Status for School Year 2014-2015**

Assigned Accreditation Status: ACCREDITED

You are hereby notified that the Commission on School Accreditation assigned your school district the above listed status for school year 2014-2015. The decision of the Commission was in accordance with current accreditation policy 2.3 as published in the *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2012*. The final decision of the Commission was approved by the State Board of Education on October 17, 2014.

As stated in accreditation policy 2.5, an assigned district accreditation status may remain unchanged during that school year except in those cases where verified noncompliance downgraded a status immediately as with the following: (1) appropriate standards of governance, (2) compliance with school board policies, (3) financial accountability requirements, (4) graduation requirements, (5) test security procedures, (6) state/federal regulations, (7) reporting false information, and (8) standards that sustain a safe school climate. When the district has verified correction of deficiencies in meeting all process standards previously cited as deficiencies on the district's Accreditation Record Summary, the accreditation status will be upgraded. Action of the Commission is required in either case.

If you have any questions about policy referenced above, please do not hesitate to call me at (601) 359-3764 or pvanderford@mde.k12.ms.us.

Enclosure