

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CODE:	PL-04
COMMITTEE:	Policy and Legislative (PL)
DATE:	May 10, 2016

SUBJECT/TITLE

Marion County School District's (District) Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (R.43-205), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties, and Workloads

PURPOSE OF REPORT/REGULATION/ITEM

The purpose of this waiver request is to allow one principal to preside over both Creek Bridge Middle School and Creek Bridge High School, without incurring an accreditation deficiency.

CRITICAL FACTS

SBE R.43-205 states that, *“Each school must be staffed with a full-time properly certified principal/director whose duties and responsibilities must be prescribed by the district superintendent.”*

Having one principal serve over both a secondary and middle school creates an accreditation deficiency.

Creek Bridge Middle School has a grade span of 6–8 and an enrollment of 131 students. Creek Bridge High School has a grade span of 9–12 and an enrollment of 181 students.

One principal, with a Tier I Secondary Principal certification, will serve as principal over both the middle and secondary students.

Marion County School District has incorporated these changes into its 2016–17 district strategic plan under SBE R.43-261.

This waiver would be effective through 2020–21, which is the last year of Marion County's district strategic and school renewal plan cycle.

TIMELINE/REVIEW PROCESS

October 2016–January 2017 The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) accreditation team reviews school/district data and documentation for compliance to statutes, SBE regulations, and accreditation standards.

February 2017 Preliminary analysis reports and accreditation ratings are posted online for school and district viewing.

February 2017–March 2017 The SCDE accreditation team works with schools and districts to resolve accreditation deficiencies.

April 2017 The *2016–17 Annual Report of the Accreditation of School Districts in South Carolina*, containing the final accreditation status for schools and districts, goes to the SBE for approval.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

COST: N/A
FUND/SOURCE: _____

ATTACHMENTS

Attachments: yes no
(attachments must be submitted with synopsis)

Name of Attachments:
Marion County School District’s Waiver Request

RECOMMENDATION

The SCDE recommends the SBE approve the District’s waiver request of R.43-205 that, “Each school must be staffed with a full-time properly certified principal/director whose duties and responsibilities must be prescribed by the district superintendent,” for Creek Bridge Middle School and Creek Bridge High School and the waiver is to remain in effect through 2020–21, which is the last year of the district strategic and school renewal plan cycle.

ACTION REQUEST

FOR APPROVAL: **FOR INFORMATION ONLY:**