

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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SUBJECT/TITLE

Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) School District's 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 a secondary and elementary grade-level school and multiple locations within the DJJ School system and to waive the media specialists' requirement without incurring accreditation deficiencies for the extent of the district strategic and school renewal plan cycle.

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. Additionally, each school must be staffed with a properly certified library media specialist.

Each school without a properly certified principal and media specialist faces accreditation deficiencies for the 2015–16 school year and beyond.

The DJJ Evaluation and Detention Center Schools are located in Columbia, Jonesville, and Ridgeville.

Currently, one properly certified principal serves students at the secondary, middle, and elementary school levels. Lead teachers report to the district principal.

The Birchwood media specialist will be transitioned as the district's media specialist coordinator. Students will have services of a designated library, lending library, and bookmobile.

The waivers have been addressed in the district's strategic plans.

If granted, the waivers would apply through 2020–21, which is the district strategic and school renewal plan cycle.

