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### State Identified Priority Schools

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#### The Background:

In accordance with T.C.A. § 49-1-602, the Commissioner of Education must present to the State Board of Education a list of all schools to be placed in Priority school status. A Priority school list must be identified, at a minimum, every three years; the last Priority list was identified in 2018. The purpose of this item is to remove schools from Priority status that met exit criteria based on 2018-19 accountability data.

The Priority school calculation was based on a two-year success rate for high schools and a one-year success rate for K-8 schools that incorporated TCAP data from only the 2015-16 (high school only) and 2016-17 school years. Additionally, schools that demonstrated high growth (represented by a TVAAS level 4 or 5) in 2016-17 and 2017-18 were not identified as Priority schools.

School identified on the 2018 Priority list were schools that:

- a. Ranked in the bottom five (5) percent of its pool based on data from 2015-16 and 2016-17 **AND**
- b. Did not earn school-wide TVAAS composite levels of 4 or 5 in both 2015-16 **and** 2016-17 or 2016-17 **and** 2017-18 **OR**
- c. Had a graduation rate of less than 67 percent for the 2017-18 school year.

Pursuant to Public Chapters 881 and 1026 of 2018, no school was identified as a Priority school using 2017-18 TCAP data.

Schools that are identified as Priority may not be identified as Reward.

#### The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends approval of this item on first and final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.