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**State Identified 2024-25 Priority Schools**

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**The Background:**

In accordance with T.C.A. § 49-1-602 and Tennessee’s accountability system as approved in its Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan, the Tennessee Department of Education is charged with presenting to the State Board of Education a listing of schools to be placed in Priority school status. A Priority school list must be identified, at a minimum, every three (3) years. The last Priority list was identified in 2021-22. The purpose of this item is to identify schools that received Priority status based on the 2024-25 accountability data.

Priority identification for the 2024-25 school year is determined by using three years of assessment data from 2022-23 to 2024-25. Schools are identified as Priority when they exhibit low student performance by falling in the bottom five percent of performance. Additionally, schools with a graduation rate below 67% in the 2023-24 cohort also receive Priority status, as graduation rate data is reported with a one-year delay in the federal accountability system. Schools with a TVAAS Combined Literacy and Numeracy Composite score of 4 or 5 in 2023-24 and 2024-25, or with a score of 3 or 4 on all other non-achievement, non-growth performance indicators, were removed from Priority identification.

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

**The Fiscal Analysis Impact:**

T.C.A. § 49-1-212 requires that the Department prepare a fiscal analysis of any policy, rule, or regulation proposed to the State Board of Education. This item has no financial impact on an LEA.

**The Recommendation:**

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