



PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

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Commissioner of Education

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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM: Grant Commissioner the authority to approve an Application for Conditional Approval of a nonpublic school under Rule 14 (*Regulations & Procedures for the Legal Operation of Approved Nonpublic Schools*) for the school year 2015-2016.

Nelson Mandela Elementary School

RATIONALE: Approval by the State Board of Education will allow the school to operate, to be recognized as approved, and to fulfill compulsory attendance and other statutory requirements.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Representatives of the school have complied with the application procedures of Rule 14 and staff members of the Accreditation and School Improvement Team have visited with school representatives and reviewed requirements of the Rule. On the basis of these discussion and observations, NDE representatives have determined that the school appears prepared to meet Rule 14 requirements in the 2015-2016 school year. Visitations will be conducted after the opening of the school to verify compliance with Rule 14.

Estimated Cost – N/A