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**STATEMENT FROM MISSISSIPPI CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER BOARD CHAIR  
KRYSTAL CORMACK REGARDING 2015 – 2016 ACCOUNTABILITY DATA**

Jackson, MS. – Today, the Mississippi Department of Education released accountability data and letter grades for all schools across the state. Mississippi charter school performance was included in this release. The Authorizer Board recognizes that students transitioned to a new assessment and this data represents the first year for both charter schools; however, the charter school accountability scores and letter grades do not currently meet the Authorizer Board's expectations.

While both schools overall letter grades and scores don't meet expectations, students attending charter schools are making growth in reading and math. In fact, Reimagine Prep charter school ranks in the top two percent of elementary/middle schools for math growth with its lowest performing students and in the top six percent of elementary/middle schools for overall math growth. The Authorizer Board anticipates that charter schools will increase both their growth and proficiency performance each year in order to meet the Authorizer Board's expectations.

The Authorizer Board will now use proficiency, growth, and school-selected indicator data to assess both charter schools on the [Mississippi Charter School Performance Framework](#). The Performance Framework features Academic, Financial, and Organizational Performance Frameworks as well as an ongoing monitoring process to annually measure the performance of charter schools during the five-year term of their initial contract. This assessment will be included in the Authorizer Board's annual report, which will be released at its upcoming December 5<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

The Authorizer Board expects schools to continuously improve over time by adapting and adjusting in order to improve their performance and provide students with a high-quality academic experience. Charter schools must meet the Authorizer Board's expectations outlined in the Mississippi Charter School Performance Framework in order for their contracts to be renewed at the end of their five-year initial term.

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