

To: Mr. Carl Merritt, Superintendent

From: Konya, Team Leader
Dropout Prevention

Date: June 17, 2019

Re: SY 2019-20 Dropout Prevention Plan
Approval Request



Dropout prevention is a major concern for Poplarville School District, the State of Mississippi, and the Nation. In response to this concern, the Poplarville School District implemented its Dropout Prevention Plan called **ONE You**. The latest published results for the current plan as implemented cite a graduation rate for Poplarville School District in SY 2018 of 94.7% and a dropout rate of 2.3%.

Recent legislation requires a Mississippi school district with a graduation rate of 80% or below to develop a dropout prevention/graduation completion plan each year for submission to MDE for approval. Since Poplarville has a higher graduation rate, it is not required to submit a new plan to MDE; however, we are asking for your approval to implement ONE You in SY 2019-20 for this plan of record which addresses identified dropout indicators of concern for our district.

ONE You addresses dropout indicators of concern for our district. ONE You will promote the following initiatives:

- ONE Day – Encourages attendance in school as a critical dropout prevention strategy;
- ONE School-Provide a safe and healthy school climate with a supportive atmosphere that encourages students to stay in school;
- ONE Staff – Ensures a highly qualified staff that understands and addresses the diverse needs of our students;
- ONE Community – Motivates parents, community, and schools to support the efforts of our student;
- ONE Hornet Nation – Promotes academic success of all students.

Students, parents, staff and community are invited to actively participate in our ONE You initiative as we strive to decrease the number of students who dropout and increase the number of students who graduate.

**Dropout Prevention Plan
Poplarville School District
Carl Merritt, Superintendent
Konya Miller, DOP Team Leader
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