

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
July 14, 2021

SUBJECT: Review of Turnaround Option Plan and Annual External Operator Contract for Escambia County

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Rule 6A-1.099811, F.A.C.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to Rule 6A-1.099811(11)(b), F.A.C., a school district may choose to enter a Turnaround Option Plan-External Operator (EO), with State Board approval set forth in paragraph (7)(b). The EO is the option through which the district contracts with an outside entity that has a record of effectiveness to operate the school.

When selecting the EO option, the school district must enter into an annual contract with the EO that meets the requirements found in subparagraph (11)(b)5.

Escambia County has one school that requires an updated Turnaround Option Plan and annual EO contract due to the proposed change in EO:

School Name	18-19 Grade	17-18 Grade	16-17 Grade	Cycle	Year in Status	20-21 EO	21-22 EO
Warrington Middle School	D (40%)	D (39%)	D (39%)	CYCLE 2	YEAR 2	The Rensselaerville Institute	Learning Sciences International

At the March 17, 2021, State Board of Education meeting, the following action was approved for Warrington Middle School:

1. Replace principal;
2. Replace External Operator; and
3. Hire experienced and competent teachers – at least 80% with 3 years of teaching experience and Highly Effective or Effective on state VAM in ELA and math.

Supporting Documentation Included: Turnaround Option Plan, Contract with External Operator

Facilitators/Presenters: Dr. Timothy Smith, Superintendent, Escambia County Public Schools; and Melissa Ramsey, Vice-Chancellor, Strategic Improvement