The Mississippi State Board on a proposal that would give school diploma and would enof Education (SBE) voted to- students the opportunity to earn sure that the majority of stu-







The Town of Tchula held summer fire and safety camp for area youth the week of July 4. Tammy Peavy (Pictured above at right), fire safety education officer, along with others from the Mississippi Fire Marshal's Office, conducted a simulation of a house fire and educated participates on how to safely exit a burning house and have

a plan of action. (Photos by Matthew Breazeale) for many more years to come.

traditional diploma.

The proposal follows a statewide effort to increase college and career opportunities for all students and a new state law that eliminates the Mississippi Occupational Diploma (MOD) option for students with disabilities starting with freshmen entering high school in the 2017-18 school year.

The proposed diploma options include a traditional diploma for all students and an alternate diploma option for students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities. Students will also have the opportunity to earn additional credits to qualify for a traditional diploma with a Career and Technical Education (CTE) endorsement, an academic endorsement or a distinguished academic endorsement. Students can earn more than one endorsement.

"The proposed diploma options will give students more opportunities to demonstrate their strengths and achievements and will clearly communicate that they are well equipped for their next stage in life," said Dr. Carey Wright, state superintendent of education. "These options will provide all students, including students with disabilities, with meaningful opportunities to succeed."

The proposed diploma options would take effect in the 2018-19 school year. Students entering grades 10, 11 and 12 in the 2017-18 school year who are currently in a course of study that leads to the MOD option must get parental permission to remain on the MOD track. Otherwise, their Individualized Education Program (IEP) team would be encouraged to consider a course of study that leads to a traditional diploma.

The traditional diploma will require all students graduating from Mississippi high schools to have the same basic requirements and to earn 24 Carnegie Units. After meeting the traditional diploma requirements, students can take additional CTE coursework to meet the requirements for the CTE endorsement or advanced, col-



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March. She graduated from Mississippi Valley State University.

Congratulations goes to Joe Morgan, Jr. He got married on Friday after the 4th of July. May God bless him with a successful, happy marriage.

Mrs. Jeannette Johnson is

to earn an academic or distinguished academic endorsement. The CTE and academic endorsements require students to earn 26 Carnegie Units. Students must earn 28 Carnegie Units to qualify for the distinguished academic endorsement.

"The diploma endorsement options will encourage students take advantage of their senior year in high school to earn a credential that will benefit them in college, postsecondary training or the workforce," Wright said.

The alternate diploma is designed for the approximately 1 percent of students who have met the criteria on their IEP for having a Significant Cognitive Disability. This diploma requires students earn 24 credits in an alternate course of study. The alternate diploma is not equivalent to the traditional high school diploma and is not recognized by postsecondary entities that require a high school diploma. However, the alternate diploma certifies that a student with a Significant Cognitive Disability has successfully completed a course of study aligned to academic standards.

Other students with an IEP may exit high school with a traditional diploma, with or without an endorsement, or with a Certificate of Completion. The Certificate of Completion is granted to students who have reached the maximum age of service under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which in Mississippi is age 20, and have not been able to meet the requirements for a traditional diploma. The Certificate of Completion is not equivalent to a high school di-

"The proposed diploma options will ensure that the vast

Congratulations to Mrs. Sarah doing fine. She is still taking therapy.

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lege-preparation coursework majority of Mississippi's students are getting the instruction they need to earn a traditional high school diploma. Our students deserve the opportunity to graduate with a diploma that is recognized by employers, postsecondary institutions, the military and colleges and universities," Wright said.

> Learn more about the proposed diploma options here.

The proposed diploma options will be open for public comment for 30 days.



Ashley Boatner Jacob Williamson September 23

> Sara O'Reilly Jamie Boyette October 7

Laura Ellis Justin Rennhack October 21

Brett Spell Grey Clark November 20

Katelyn Bienemann Davis Ables December 9



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Lenzell (Nell) S. Nelson July 15, 2016



We, the children of Lenzell, would like to extend a special THANK-YOU on her birthday to the only two of Lenzell's granddaughters that were there to assist her with her care during her time of illness: Margaret (Jason) Nelson-Dural and Monica (Jeremy) Nelson-Huntley.

Ma, have a Happy Birthday as you rest in heaven.

Alpha: July 15, 1922 ~ Omega: December 17, 2016

Children: John, Ozie, and sonly grandson, Chesalon Nelson.