

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Action Item**  
November 20, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Approval of District-Managed Turnaround Option Plans-Step 2 for the School District of Gadsden and Leon County

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Rule 6A-1.099811, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A school district shall enter a Turnaround Option Plan with State Board approval, as set forth in Rule 6A-1.099811(7)(b), F.A.C.

This action item is for the consideration of approval of District-Managed Turnaround Option Plans (TOP)-Step 2 for James A. Shanks Middle School in Gadsden County School District and Apalachee Elementary School in Leon County School District. These schools entered Tier 2 School Improvement status in their first cycle of turnaround because they earned two consecutive grades of "D." The State Board of Education approved the implementation of their District-Managed TOP-Step 1 on October 15, 2024, with conditions. The District-Managed TOP-Step 2 is a narrative describing how the district will implement the plan, including information about its systems to support school leadership teams, how it will ensure effective administrator capability of leading turnaround efforts, and how it will ensure effective educators are capable of improving student achievement. Additionally, these districts will address the specific conditions added by the State Board of Education at the October 15, 2024, meeting.

The State Board of Education shall approve the District-Managed TOP-Step 2 for each of the following districts and schools to implement during the 2024-25 school year.

Gadsden County School District

- James A. Shanks Middle School

Leon County School District

- Apalachee Elementary School

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Turnaround Option Plans-Step 2 (under separate cover)

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