

# Trezevant High School Investigation: Facts & Timeline



## >> September 2016

- While conducting a routine academic review to ensure all students were on track to graduate, it was discovered by Trezevant HS administrators that there were discrepancies in several student files where grades listed on report cards did not match transcripts.
- Discrepancies were immediately reported to Commissioner Candice McQueen at the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE).
- The Trezevant HS football team forfeited football games pending the results of an internal investigation.

## >> October 2016

- An initial review of Trezevant HS transcripts was completed.
- A Trezevant HS clerical assistant resigned.
- The District completed an investigation and submitted findings to the TDOE for review.
- As an added measure of grade verification, the Department of Planning & Accountability retrieved and reviewed all grade verification reports from Trezevant HS.

## >> November 2016

- The District conducted annual training of all high school counselors, records secretaries and additional school staff.
- Monthly reports were initiated for all schools to check for changes to transcripts and ensure proper documentation from school staff.
- It was required that any transcript changes be made via forms that are signed and documented to verify grade changes.
- A recommendation was made to hire two school operations monitors that will help with transcript oversight for the 2017-18 budget year.
- The District's Chief of Staff and Chief of Audit met with the State Comptroller's Office and TDOE's auditor to provide updates.

## >> February 2017

- The District began to engage with an external auditing firm, Dixon Hughes Goodman, LLC.

## >> April 2017

- Then Trezevant HS principal Ronnie Mackin assumed another support role at the SCS Central Office.
- The District finalized a contract with Dixon Hughes Goodman, LLC.

## >> May 2017

- A new principal was named at Trezevant HS.

## >> June 2017

- Mr. Mackin submitted a letter of resignation.
- Dixon Hughes Goodman, LLC launched an audit of SCS records.
- Three external firms hired to investigate allegations made by Mr. Mackin: Butler Snow, Ogletree Deakins and Baker Donelson

## >> December 2017

- Investigation concludes
- SCS reports findings of the investigation to Commissioner Candice McQueen at the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE).
- SCS provides a public report on the findings during the December 4, 2017 Board of Education Business Meeting
- Former Trezevant High football coach Teli White recommended to the Board of Education for termination.