

Caddo School Board gets details about state's school takeover plan

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The Caddo Parish School Board and concerned parents this evening were getting details about the state of Louisiana's plans to take over two underperforming schools and improve academic offerings at eight other schools.

Linear and Linwood middle schools will be placed under the control of the state department of education next school year. The state will determine programs designed to improve student performance and the parish School Board will be putting specific interventions in place.

The board is also discussing how it will begin implementing the parish's plan to improve performance at other underperforming schools that aren't being taken over by the state but are being closely monitored.

That plan calls for advanced courses that look at specialized education programs like performing arts, new technology, military leadership and "microsociety;" foreign language at all levels; access to laptops at every level; and adding an extra hour to the school day.

The School Board will also talk about the future of teachers at the takeover schools.