OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items February 14-15, 2013

OFFICE OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

07. <u>Approval to renew contract with Connections Education, LLC for the operation of</u> the Mississippi Virtual Public School system

Awarded Vendor: Connections Education, LLC

Baltimore, Maryland

<u>Scope of Project</u>: The original contract language for Connections Education, LLC indicated an option to renew for an additional two years beyond the original ending date of June 30, 2013. The Connections Education, LLC contract renewal includes the first additional year and requires an increase in the total amount of the contract to pay for service to provide online courses for students.

Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employee.

<u>Basis for Contract</u>: Section 37-161-3 of the Mississippi Code authorizes the State Board of Education to select private providers, overseen by the State Department of Education, to administer, manage or operate virtual school programs, including operation of the Mississippi Virtual Public School Program.

Scope of Contract:

• Term of Contract Renewal: August 1, 2010 – July 31, 2014

• Cost of Current Contract: \$1,600,000

• Renewal Increase: \$ 500,000

Total Cost of Contract Renewal: \$2,100,000

Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: State funds

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Mississippi Virtual Public School Course Overview

	2010-2011		2011-2012		2012-2013	
	Total Courses	Pass Rate	Total Courses	Pass Rate	Total Courses	Total Students on Wait List
State- funded Courses	3106	93%	3382	92%	3248	145
District- funded Courses	93	95%	8	100%	107	
Private- funded Courses	31	93%	41	90%	8	

Mississippi Virtual Public School Funding Spent Overview

FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
\$573,770	\$500,000	*\$69,645

^{*}Final payment for the first half will be invoiced after all students complete the first semester courses.