OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items January 16-17, 2014

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09. Approval of methodology to award discretionary grants to public school districts, institutions of higher learning, community colleges, and educational entities for the implementation of innovative high school programs

<u>Purpose</u>: The Mississippi Department of Education is awarding discretionary grants to assist eligible public school districts, institutions of higher learning, community colleges, and educational entities in implementing innovative high school programs to provide students with the maximum opportunity for success after high school. The innovative high school programs will also help reduce dropout rates and better prepare students for a global society.

<u>Eligibility</u>: All public school districts, institutions of higher learning, community colleges and educational entities, including but not limited to educational agencies, organizations, and foundations are eligible to apply for the grant. Eligible entities must submit an application that demonstrates a commitment to implementing an innovative high school program with fidelity.

Funding Source: State and Federal Funds

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Discretionary

Recommendation: Approval