

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
February 19-20, 2015

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

12. Discussion of the *Literacy-Based Promotion Act* Supports for Teachers, Parents, Administrators, and Communities

The Office of Elementary Education and Reading is providing a number of targeted supports to assist teachers, parents, administrators, and communities in the implementation of *the Literacy-Based Promotion Act*. Supports for teachers and administrators include professional development sessions and webinars focused on quality instruction, interventions, and assessments.

Community events have been scheduled regionally across the state for parents and other stakeholders to build an understanding of how they can help students and schools.

No Action: Discussion Only

Back-up materials attached



**Mississippi Department of Education (MDE)
Regional Mini-Conference Focusing on
Literacy Pre-K – Kindergarten
January – February 2015**

The MDE is offering Regional Literacy Mini-Conferences at three (3) sites across the state. This one (1) day training is specifically designed for Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers. These interactive sessions will include strategies for improving classroom instruction. Sessions will address differentiated instruction, literacy across the content areas, interventions and the Pre-K/K readiness assessment.

There are no limitations on the number of participants per district and districts are not assigned to a Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA). Registration will be on a first-come-first-served basis at www.nmec.net.

Contact the RESA if there are questions about registration. Contact Dr. Jill Dent in the Office of Elementary Education and Reading at jdent@mde.k12.ms.us or 601-359-2586 if there are questions for the MDE.

This event is being funded with state and/or federal funds and is being provided for employees of school districts, employees of the Mississippi Department of Education and Department contractors. Mississippi Constitution Article 4, Section 66 prohibits governing authorities from making donations. According to the Mississippi Attorney General, once the federal funds are turned over to the state, the rules for the expenditure of state funds apply. Based on the Mississippi law, this event is not being provided for third party vendors or external providers.

See dates, times, and general locations below.

January 28, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thad Cochran Center

The University of Southern Mississippi

Hattiesburg, MS

February 3, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Itawamba Community College - Belden Campus

(Belden)Tupelo, MS

February 25, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Mississippi State University - Meridian Campus

Meridian, MS



**Mississippi Department of Education (MDE)
Regional Mini-Conference Focusing on
Literacy 1st – 3rd Grade
January – February 2015**

The MDE is offering Regional Literacy Mini-Conferences at three (3) sites across the state. This one (1) day training is specifically designed for 1st – 3rd grade teachers. These interactive sessions will include strategies for improving classroom instruction. Sessions will address differentiated instruction, writing, 90 minute reading block, learning centers, and interventions.

There are no limitations on the number of participants per district and districts are not assigned to a Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA). Registration will be on a first-come-first-served basis at www.nmec.net.

Contact the RESA if there are questions about registration. Contact Dr. Tenette Smith in the Office of Elementary Education and Reading at tenette.smith@mde.k12.ms.us or 601-359-2586 if there are questions for the MDE.

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See dates, times, and general locations below.

January 29, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thad Cochran Center

The University of Southern Mississippi

Hattiesburg, MS

February 4, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Itawamba Community College - Belden Campus

(Belden)Tupelo, MS

February 24, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Mississippi State University - Meridian Campus

Meridian, MS



**Mississippi Department of Education (MDE)
Regional Administrators Meetings
Focusing on Elementary and Secondary Principals
February – March 2015**

The MDE through the Office of Professional Development is offering regional meetings specifically designed for elementary and secondary principals. The sessions for elementary principals will include strategies for maximizing instructional time, resources, and personnel; using assessment data to make instructional decisions; and implementing 3rd grade summer reading camps. The sessions for secondary principals will include information about graduation options, Advanced Placement, dual enrollment, bridge courses, the role of the counselor, ICAP, and dropout prevention. Participants of both trainings will also receive important MDE programmatic updates.

There are no limitations on the number of participants per district and districts are not assigned to a Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA). Registration will be on a first-come-first-served basis at www.nmec.net. District administrators may register for one or both sessions.

See below for training details. Contact the RESA if there are questions about registration. Contact Tina Sellers in the Office of Professional Development at tsellers@mde.k12.ms.us or 601-359-2869 if there are questions for the MDE.

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**Dates, times, and locations for
Elementary Principals Grades K-5**

February 23, 2015
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Riley Center
Mississippi State University
Meridian Campus

February 25, 2015
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Oxford Conference Center
Oxford, MS

March 3, 2015
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thad Cochran Center
Hattiesburg, MS

**Dates, times, and locations for
Secondary Principals Grades 6-12**

February 3, 2015
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Trent Lott Center
Hattiesburg, MS

February 10, 2015
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Riley Center
Mississippi State University
Meridian Campus

February 11, 2015
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Oxford Conference Center
Oxford, MS



**Mississippi Department of Education (MDE)
Regional Literacy Coaching Training
December 2014 – February 2015**

The MDE is offering Regional Training for Literacy Coaches, Lead Teachers and Academic Specialists. This four (4) day training (offered in two parts) is specifically designed for personnel who are currently providing support for K-3 teachers in the area of literacy. Participants will become familiar with the roles and responsibilities of the literacy coach; practice facilitating “coaching conversations”; and discuss the “gradual-release” model of coaching. Participants will also learn how to utilize the MDE coaching tools and instruments to build teacher capacity.

There are no limitations on the number of participants per district and districts are not assigned to a Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA). Registration will be on a first-come-first-served basis at www.nmec.net. Registration will require a key code.

Contact the RESA if there are questions about registration. Contact Tenette Smith in the Office of Elementary Education at tenette.smith@mde.k12.ms.us or 601-359-2586 if there are questions for the MDE.

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See dates, times and locations below. Participants should register for both Part I and Part II.

Part I December 8-9, 2014

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Table 100
Flowood, MS

Part I December 11-12, 2014

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Insight Park
Oxford, MS

Part I December 15-16, 2014

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thad Cochran Center
Hattiesburg, MS

Part II February 9-10, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
R & D Center
Jackson, MS

Part II February 12-13, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Trent Lott Center
Hattiesburg, MS

Part II February 16-17, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Insight Park
Oxford, MS

From the Office of Early Childhood and the Office of Federal Programs

The Mississippi Department of Education is excited to announce the provision of regional professional development **trainings specifically for Title I Pre-K teachers**. Based on the feedback given in the Spring 2014 Title I Survey, we have developed the trainings to meet the most-requested areas of need. Four one-day sessions, each hosted by a local school district, will provide similar professional development opportunities to attendees. In addition to presentations by MDE early childhood staff, early learning collaborative and Title I Pre-K teachers will also present at these trainings. Each training day will begin at 8:30 AM and end at 4:15 PM and will be limited to 50 participants. (Participants should only attend one training.) Participants will have the opportunity to receive CEU or SEMI credits. Questions regarding these trainings should be sent to Brittany Herrington at bherrington@mde.k12.ms.us.

Training Dates

February 2nd – Meridian
March 6th – Jackson
March 26th – Tupelo
March 27th – Greenville

Registration

Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. Keep in mind that these trainings are for Title I Pre-K teachers. In order to register, participants should send his/her name, position, and email address to bherrington@mde.k12.ms.us. Participants may register individually or may send a list of names, positions, and email addresses of all the participants at one school or school district. Each participant will receive a confirmation email that will contain specific information including the site address. We encourage participants to register and attend at the site nearest their school district. In the event that more than 50 participants seek registration at one site, participants may be asked to attend a training at a different site near their school district.

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Regional Meetings for Parents

Strategies to Improve Reading for K-3 Students

Mississippi Department of Education representatives will provide parents of K-3 students with information about the Literacy-Based Promotion Act.

Session times are the same at all locations:
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

<u>Date</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday, February 23	Meridian	Mississippi State University Meridian Room 008
Wednesday, February 25	Oxford	Oxford Conference Center
Tuesday, March 3	Hattiesburg	N.R. Burger Middle School Transplorium
Tuesday, March 17	Cleveland	Delta State University Jacob Center (Ewing Hall)
Thursday, March 19	Flowood	Northwest Rankin High School Auditorium
Tuesday, March 24	Biloxi	Biloxi High School Lecture Hall

