

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
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OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

02. Information: Update on Literacy Based Promotion Act [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: Passed during the 2013 legislative session, the Literacy Based Promotion Act (LBPA), Miss. Code Ann. § 37-177-1, was enacted to ensure that students acquire grade-level reading skills, particularly as they progress through grades K-3. The intent is to ensure that every student completing the 3rd grade is able to read at or above grade level.

The MDE shares the state reports electronically and addresses the requirements of the LBPA, which include the number and percentage of students:

- scoring at each performance level on the state assessment in reading and math;
- taking the alternative assessment;
- retained at each grade level (Kindergarten through 8th grade);
- promoted with a good-cause exemption; and
- any revised district policies for promotion and retention.

This item references Goals 1 and 2 of the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan*.

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Back-up material: None