# OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items December 21, 2023

#### OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD

03.A. Action: Modify Early Learning Collaborative Council grants to support prekindergarten programs with increased funding to serve additional children [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan]

<u>Background and Purpose</u>: In accordance with the Early Learning Collaborative Act, once an early learning collaborative's plan is approved and funded, the collaborative and/or its prekindergarten providers shall receive funds on an ongoing basis unless the collaborative and/or its prekindergarten providers no longer meet the criteria to participate in the program.

The three Early Learning Collaboratives have increased the number of seats they are serving therefore are needing to increase their funding to support these new classrooms based on the need in the community.

A total of \$325,000 will be distributed amongst the three existing collaboratives to increase the number of children being served for the last remaining year of the grant period.

#### Scope of Grant:

• Term of Grant January 1, 2014 – June 30, 2024

(with a liquidation period ending July 12, 2024)

• Cost Current Grant: \$ 10,117,800

Modification Increase Total: \$ 325,000

• Total Cost of Modified Grant: \$ 10,442,800

Method of Award: HB 1600 Section 35

Funding Source: State funds

This item references Goal 3 of the Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

## MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Office of Early Childhood

### **FY2024 Early Learning Collaborative Modified Grants**

Collaborative Council	Amount of Current Award	Modified Amount Awarded July 2023 to June 2024	Total Amount Awarded  January 2014 to June 2024
Lamar County Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 4,607,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 4,657,000
Petal Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 2,304,000	\$150,000	\$ 2,454,000
Starkville Oktibbeha Early Learning Collaborative	\$ 3,206,800	\$125,000	\$ 3,331,800
Total	\$10,117,800	\$325,000	\$10,442,800

<sup>\*\*</sup>The Mississippi Department of Education reserves the right to negotiate grant award amounts dependent upon legislative appropriations.