

**OFFICE OF CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**May 18, 2023**

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02. Action: Approval of the MDE Contracts [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)
- 02.A. Action: Contract with Gay, Jones, and Kuhn PLLC to provide supplementary legal counsel and policy and guidelines support to the Office of Special Education relative to the enforcement of and compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Donna Boone)
- 02.B. Action: Emergency contract with Renaissance Learning, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2024 to provide an integrated assessment system that will include a Pre-K Collaborative Star Assessment Bundle and a K-Readiness Assessment using Renaissance Data Integration (RDI) services [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
- 02.C. Action: Contract with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) for Fiscal Year 2024 to administer the English Language Arts and Mathematics in grades 3-8, Science Grades 5 & 8; and High School Algebra I, English II, and Biology I as part of the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program-Alternate, (MAAP-A) for students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities (SCD) [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
- 02.D. Action: Contract with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) for Fiscal Year 2024 to administer the English Language Arts and Mathematics in Grades 3-8, End-of-Course (EOC) in Algebra I, English II, and options for Geometry and Algebra II as part of the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program, (MAAP) [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
- 02.E. Action: Contract with ACT, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2024 to administer the ACT test to all juniors (approximately 34,000 students each year) in the state of Mississippi [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
- 02.F. Action: Contract with Forvis, LLC to provide accounting services to monitor ESSER programs [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)

These items reference Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached