

**OFFICE OF CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**August 27, 2020**

**OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY AND STRATEGIC SERVICES**

09. Action: Approval to integrate \$4 million of ESSER Funds to support Distance Learning and mitigate against higher than anticipated cost of windows devices  
[Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: The Mississippi Legislature enacted the "Equity in Distance Learning Act" (SB3044) to provide funding for devices and other technology, including technology related to connectivity and online access, sufficient for students, teachers, and administrators and other staff to engage in grade-appropriate distance learning aligned with the state's College and Career Readiness Standards.

Details of the methodology for distributing \$4,000,000 will be discussed at the September Board.

This item references Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None