MS CRITICAL TEACHER SHORTAGE ACT
Incentive Options for Educators

#1 CRITICAL NEEDS TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**Benefits**
- Tuition, fees, books, and average cost of room/meals

**Requirements**
- Juniors – Seniors - 2.5 college GPA (Maintain 2.5 for renewal)
- Passage of Praxis Core

**Obligation**
- 2 years’ award = 2 years’ teaching in CSA
- Other awards = Year for year
- Default = Immediate repayment plus interest
- Contact State Student Financial Aid at 1-800-327-2980 or (601) 432-6997

#2 WILLIAM F. WINTER SCHOLAR LOAN PROGRAM

**Benefits**
- Up to $4,000 – Junior and Senior year

**Requirements**
- Juniors – Seniors - 2.5 college GPA (Maintain 2.5 for renewal)
- Passage of Praxis Core

**Obligation**
- 1 year loan forgiveness = 1 year teaching in MS
- Default = Immediate repayment plus interest
- Contact State Student Financial Aid at 1-800-327-2980 or (601) 432-6997

#3 MS TEACHER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

**Benefits**
- Tuition, books, materials, and fees for three year maximum
- Access to Mentoring Network

**Requirements**
- CSA teacher with Class A license
- Acceptance in approved Master of Ed/Ed Specialist program
- Comply with eligibility requirements for MTFP

**Obligation**
- 3 years’ teaching obligation in a CSA
- Default = Immediate repayment plus interest

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#4 MS SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR SABBATICAL PROGRAM

**Benefits**
- Teacher salary paid with fringe benefits during program
- Program for all school districts

**Requirements**
- Three years’ teaching experience
- District recommendation

**Obligation**
- Five years’ administration in sponsoring district
- Default = Immediate repayment plus interest

● Contact the Mississippi Teacher Center at (601) 359-3631

#5 MOVING INCENTIVES

**Benefits**
- Reimbursement maximum - $1,000

**Requirements**
- CSA district approval
- One time award only

● Contact local school districts

#6 HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR TEACHERS (H.A.T.)

**Benefits**
- Maximum grant of $6,000 pays closing costs for CSA teacher

**Requirements**
- House must be in same county as school district

**Obligation**
- Each year of service forgives 1/3 of grant

● MS Home Corporation at 1-800-544-6960 or (601) 718-4642 (Shelly Pollock) or www.mshomecorp.com