MDE Literacy Coach Positions Available (2018-2019)

In a continued effort to support the *Literacy-Based Promotion Act*, the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) is accepting applications from Mississippi educators with expertise in literacy to join the Office of Elementary Education and Reading.

The MDE is recruiting educators to serve as literacy coaches for the 2018-2019 school year. Individuals who hold a valid Mississippi Educator's License and meet minimum requirements as specified in the job description may apply for a position. Literacy Coaches will work full-time (210 days annually) as an Educator in Residence (EIR). Retirees may apply as contractual employees in accordance with the rules and regulations as determined by PERS (approximately 105 days annually). Out-of-state retirees may be considered for full-time, contractual employment. This position may entail extensive in-state travel. Some overnight travel may also be required. Travel costs (mileage, lodging, etc.) will be reimbursed in accordance with MDE travel policy (See FAQs).

Eligibility: See the job description for minimum criteria for literacy coach positions. See also the portfolio application checklist for components required for consideration.

Application process and timeline: Portfolio applications will be accepted until February 20, 2018. Interested applicants are required to complete the portfolio application checklist and submit all required documents via one (1) PDF file to <u>literacy@mdek12.org</u>.

Assignment dates: Subject to SBE approval and legislative funding, the start date is expected to be in August of 2018. Assignment may be renewed annually, contingent upon legislative appropriation and satisfactory job performance.

Salary and benefits: The salary for coaches is set at approximately \$55,000, regardless of National Board status or other experience. PERS retiree applicants will be paid as half-time (approximately 105 days annually), contractual employees at a rate of \$32.73 per hour. Contractual employees receive no benefits.

Questions: Please direct all questions to <u>literacy@mdek12.org</u>.

Note: Employment is contingent upon legislative appropriations for the 2018-2019 school year.