

# OFP Highlights



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Ensuring a bright future for every child

Quentin Ransburg, Executive Director

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## MR. RANSBURG'S DESK...

*We are excited to partner with all our LEAs in a continuous effort to provide students and teachers with the necessary resources to positively impact academic achievement. Although changes are occurring, we maintain our commitment to provide effective leadership and support through the prudent use of federal funding. Thank you for your work with implementing ESSA programs in districts and communities across Mississippi to promote student achievement for all students.*

## NEW STAFF

**Welcome Aboard...** We are pleased to welcome new staff in the Office of Federal Programs. These individuals bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our office.

- **Dr. Wendy Hubbard**, EL and Immigrant Coordinator
- **Dr. Diona Thomas**, Title IV and Title V Coordinator
- **Ms. Aisha McGee**, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Specialist
- **Mr. John Woodard**, MCAPS and Data Collection/Reporting Specialist

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ➤ February

- **MCAPS School Plan Regional Trainings** *(for more info. please click [here.](#))*
  - **Times: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm or 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm**
  - **Date(s) & Location(s):**
    - **(13<sup>th</sup>)** Delta State University- Ewing Hall Jacob Center  
❖ *(Highway 8 West, Cleveland, MS.)*
    - **(14<sup>th</sup>)** Oxford Conference Center  
❖ *(102 Ed Perry Blvd., Oxford, MS.)*
    - **(20<sup>th</sup>)** Mississippi e-Center  
❖ *(1230 Raymond Rd., Jackson, MS.)*
    - **(21<sup>st</sup>)** MGCCC *(Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College)*  
*Hospitality and Resort Center*  
❖ *(420 Debuys Rd., Biloxi, MS)*





➤ **February** *(continued)*

- **21st CCLC STEAM RFP Release** *(Grades 6-12 ONLY)*  
Regional Training and Webinar
  - **Date(s) & Location(s):**
    - (11<sup>th</sup>) Gulfport School District, Technology Support Services
      - ❖ (2014 Pass Road, Gulfport, MS. 39501)
    - (12<sup>th</sup>) South Panola School District, Parent Center
      - ❖ (204 College St., Batesville, MS. 38606)
    - (15<sup>th</sup>) MDE-Central High School Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room
      - ❖ (359 N. West St., Jackson, MS. 39201)
- **Collaborative Fiscal Conference** *(Please [Register](#) by 02.18.2019)*
  - **Dates & Location:**
    - (26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>) Vicksburg Convention Center
      - ❖ (1600 Mulberry St., Vicksburg, MS.)

➤ **April**

- FY20 CFPA Training
- 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC FY20 RFP release
- McKinney-Vento FY20 RFP release

➤ **June**

- (25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>) MAFEPD 2019 Summer Conference  
[Registration](#)
- [Call for Proposals](#)  
*For more information, please click [here](#).*

**OTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS (DUE DATES)**

- **Friday, February 15, 2019** – English Learner Data Verification
- **Friday, February 15, 2019** - Applications for Title III-Immigrants
- **Monday, March 4, 2019** - Intent to Participate Form (Equitable Services)
- **Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** - All Title I served Schools' Plans reviewed and approved by in MCAPS

**MDE OFP DEPARTMENT UPDATES & POINTS OF INTEREST**

**FY19 Monitoring**

The Office of Federal Programs will begin on-site monitoring in March. The monitoring instrument will be released on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Webinars were scheduled for the first week in February, and trainings on the FY19 monitoring instrument will be provided throughout the month of February. Below are dates regarding the FY19 Monitoring Instrument Review:

- February 12, 2019 – LEAs receiving on-site monitoring
- February 13, 2019 – East Mississippi Consortium, Meridian, MS
- February 14, 2019 – Gulf Coast consortium, Gulfport, MS
- February 15, 2019 – Northeast Mississippi Consortium, Tupelo, MS
- February 19, 2019 – Pine Belt Consortium, Petal, MS
- February 22, 2019 – Central Mississippi Consortium, Brandon, MS

## [Homeless Backpacks](#)

Through a partnership with Feed the Children, the Office of Federal Programs is pleased to announce our participation in the Homeless Education Literacy Program (H.E.L.P.) This program allows our office to distribute backpacks containing needed supplies, books, and possibly food to support your local homeless program. Select districts will receive these resources during this year's Fiscal Conference in Vicksburg and will be responsible for transporting these items back to the school district. Mrs. Tiffany Jones, State Homeless Coordinator, will contact selected districts directly. Any overages will be distributed among other districts with a homeless population on a first-come, first-serve basis

## [21<sup>st</sup> CCLC](#)

21st Century Community Learning Centers grant opportunity is now available. Grant proposals must offer students in grades 6-12 a broad array of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) focused activities that are designed to complement the regular academic programs. All proposals are due by **5:00 pm, March 8, 2019**.

Please click [here](#) for the Request for Proposal.

Please [review](#) for specific training information.

## [Equitable Services](#)

SY19-20 Webinar was January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Copies and materials are available online. For more information, contact Bryan Lieb (601) 359-2981

## [Title V Updates](#)

### Eligibility for Rural Education Achievement Program Grants (REAP)

There are two types of programs which include the Small Rural Schools Achievement Program (SRSA) and the Rural and Low-Income School Program (RLIS).

- **SRSA**-In order to be eligible for SRSA the total number of students in average daily attendance at all schools comprising the LEA is fewer than 600 or each county in which a school served by where the LEA is located has a total population density of fewer than 10 people per square mile. All schools that comprise the LEA have an NCES local determination of 41, 42, or 43 or The Secretary of Education has determined, based on a demonstration by the LEA and concurrence of the SEA, that the LEA is located in an area defined as rural by the state. If the LEA is a member of an education service agency (ESA) that does not receive SRSA funds, and the LEA meets the above requirements, they are eligible to receive SRSA funds.
- **Hold Harmless LEAs**-FY19 is the last year SRSA Hold Harmless awards will be made. FY 2015 SRSA grantee LEAs that were ineligible for SRSA FY 2017 due to change in local code methodology in ESSA (and who are not dully eligible for RLIS) will receive 25% of the SRSA award amount they received in 2015. SRSA Hold Harmless LEAs are not eligible to use the Alternative Use of Funds Authority.

- **RLIS**-Twenty percent or more of children aged 5-17 in average daily attendance must be from families with incomes below the poverty line as determined by the small area of income poverty estimate data. All school comprising the LEA must have an NCES local determination of 32, 33, 41, 42, or 43 or The Secretary of Education has determined, based on a demonstration by the LEA and concurrence of the SEA, that the LEA is located in an area defined as rural by the state.
- [FY19 REAP Preliminary Eligibility Spreadsheet](#)

## **Federal Programs listserv**

Please make sure that you have been added to the **Federal Programs listserv**. Please contact Arthur Goss at [agoss@mdek12.org](mailto:agoss@mdek12.org) for more information.

## **NEW FEDERAL PROGRAMS DIRECTORS**

Welcome to your new role as a Federal Programs director. The Office of Federal Programs staff is excited to share invaluable information, experiences and resources to support you as you take on the day-to-day tasks of your job.

Bay-Waveland SD	Rhonda Herrington
Coahoma County SD	Latasha Turner
Coffeerville SD	Lisa Kimbrough
Columbus SD	Andrea Pastchal-Smith
Forrest County AHS	Allison Shows
Forrest County SD	Teresa Carter
Jackson County SD	Kimberly Williams
Lafayette County SD	Suzanne Ryals
Marshall County SD	Landon Pollard
North Bolivar SD	Gared Watkins
Picayune SD	Brannon Johnson
Pontotoc City SD	Tracye Crane
Richton SD	Felicia McCardle
Senatobia SD	Bonnie Owens
South Delta SD	Candace Myles