

# Mississippi Connects

MSConnects Update and Reimbursements  
Q&A (HB1788 and SB3044)

November 30, 2020



MISSISSIPPI  
DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION

**John Kraman**  
Chief Information Officer



# Mississippi Department of Education

---

## VISION

---

To create a world-class educational system that gives students the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and the workforce, and to flourish as parents and citizens

## MISSION

---

To provide leadership through the development of policy and accountability systems so that all students are prepared to compete in the global community

# State Board of Education Goals

## STRATEGIC PLAN

1

**ALL**

Students Proficient and Showing Growth in All Assessed Areas



2

**EVERY**

Student Graduates from High School and is Ready for College and Career



3

**EVERY**

Child Has Access to a High-Quality Early Childhood Program



4

**EVERY**

School Has Effective Teachers and Leaders



5

**EVERY**

Community Effectively Uses a World-Class Data System to Improve Student Outcomes



6

**EVERY**

School and District is Rated "C" or Higher



# AGENDA

---

1. Critical MAEP Reminders (Sarita Donaldson)
2. Update on EDLA Outstanding Issues (John Kraman)
3. Microsoft Issues (John Hartley)
4. Update on Reimbursements and Pathways (John Kraman)
5. Review of Critical December Reimbursement Deadlines (John Kraman)
6. Advance Payment Process (Felicia Gavin)
7. Open Q&A (John Kraman)

## MAEP & Accreditation Deadlines

---

Districts must approve

- **Month-3 Student Data** by 5PM on Friday, December 4th.
- **Personnel Data** by 5PM on Saturday, December 5th.

MDE will begin MAEP Funding Process

- **MSIS access closed** at 12:00 noon on Sunday, December 6th. No additional time to check or change data.

## Deliveries and Exceptions

---

- Extra/Missing/DOA devices and other delivery exceptions
- Manifest and invoice questions: email vendors directly
  - > Apple: Kameron Ball [kameron\\_ball@apple.com](mailto:kameron_ball@apple.com)
  - > CDW-G: Ashley DiCiurcio [ashleyd@cdw.com](mailto:ashleyd@cdw.com)
- Windows Activation – Azure
- Break-Fix
- Bright Bytes
- Professional Development

## Deliveries and Exceptions: Windows Activation

### Windows Activation – Azure

- Fix for Windows Activation Issue
- Help with login accounts for your windows devices

CSV file with serial numbers/asset tags for asset management

- Please contact
  - > [jhartley@mdek12.org](mailto:jhartley@mdek12.org)
  - > [jhuwe@mdek12.org](mailto:jhuwe@mdek12.org)

## Reimbursement Request Progress

---

### **SB3044 (\$153,700,000):**

- 118 requests submitted by 92 LEAs
- 50% of funds (\$76.6 million)

### **HB1788 (\$50,000,000):**

- 43 requests submitted by 39 LEAs
- 15% of funds (\$7.3 million)



## MDE Has Established Three Pathways

Based on updated guidance from the US Treasury and developed in consultation with the Lt. Governor's Office and the Office of the State Auditor for **both SB3044 and HB1788\***, the MDE offers three pathways:



#1

- **On-Time** Reimbursement

#2

- **7-Day Extension** Reimbursement

#3

- **90-Day Extension** Advance Payment

## Extension/Advance Payment Requested on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>

### **SB3044 (\$153,700,000):**

- Pathway #2: 29 P.O.s from 18 LEAs (\$33.5 million)
- Pathway #3: 20 P.O.s from 11 LEAs (\$2.3 million)

### **HB1788 (\$50,000,000):**

- Pathway #2: 38 P.O.s from 26 LEAs (\$3.0 million)
- Pathway #3: 128 P.O.s from 59 LEAs (\$13.3 million)

## Key Dates for All Three Pathways

Pathway	Friday, Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday, Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup>	March 8, 2021
<b>#1. On-Time (No Change)</b>	All Deliveries Completed	<b>All Reimbursements Requests Submitted</b>		All Reimbursements Completed / Unobligated Funds Swept	
<b>#2. Seven-Day Extension</b>	Request Due to MDE	<b>All Deliveries Completed</b>	All Reimbursements Requests Submitted	All Reimbursements Completed / Unobligated Funds Swept	
<b>#3. Advance Payment</b>	Request Due to MDE	<b>All Required Advance Payment Documentation Submitted</b>	All Revised Grant Letters and Supplemental Assurances Submitted	All Advance Payments Completed / Unobligated Funds Swept	All Advance Payments Documentation Submitted and Unused Funds Returned

Webinars, Presentations, and Frequently Asked Questions

9/22 - Reimbursement Process - Teams meeting

- Teams meeting with Business Managers
- EDLA Fiscal Toolkit
- EDLA Reimbursement Match Documentation Form
- MSPRBAA Fiscal Toolkit
- MSPRBAA Reimbursement Documentation Form



## Required Submissions by 5PM on December 1<sup>st</sup>

- Pathway #1: On-time

**Reimbursement Request and all Supporting Documentation**

- Pathway #2: Seven-Day Reimbursement Extension

**All Deliveries Completed**

- Pathway #3: Advance Payment / 90-Day Extension

**Purchase Order, Executed Contract, and Advance Payment Request Form**

**Email to: [DLExtension@mdek12.org](mailto:DLExtension@mdek12.org)**

# Questions and Answers