

OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
October 18-19, 2012

Office of Federal Programs

14. Approval to revise the methodology to award grant dollars in support of local improvement efforts for Title I section 1003(a) of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act*

Purpose: The *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)* provides funds to local educational agencies (LEAs) for the purpose of building the capacity of schools to increase student achievement, in accordance with section 1003 of *ESEA* as reauthorized by the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* and as approved in *Mississippi's ESEA Flexibility Request*.

Eligibility: A state educational agency (SEA) may allocate section 1003(a) funds to its LEAs in order to serve any of the State's Priority and Focus schools that meet the definitions of "priority schools" and "focus schools," respectively, provided the school does not also receive 1003(g) grant dollars (SIG) in the same year. In accordance with section 1003, the SEA shall give priority to LEAs that serve the lowest achieving schools to ensure that funds are used to enable these schools to meet the criteria for exiting Priority and Focus designations.

Funding Source: Up to 4% of the total Title I allocation for the State of Mississippi

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Discretionary
Funds will be awarded based on the following methodology:

I. Base Allocation:

Each LEA will receive a base allocation relative to the school designation as follows:

- Priority School designation: \$90,000 per school site
- Focus School designation: \$40,000 per school site

If funding levels from the United States Department of Education for a given year are not sufficient to fund the base amounts as described, base amounts will be reduced proportionally for both designations.

II. Additional Allocation:

Any remaining amount after the base allocation is allocated will be based on a per pupil amount. The per pupil amount will be calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Total Funds Available after Base Allocations}}{\text{Total \# students enrolled in Priority/Focus Schools}} = \text{Per Pupil Amount}$$

The additional allocation will be calculated as follows:

Per Pupil Amount \times *# Students Enrolled* = *Amount of Additional Allocation*

Recommendation: Approval