

OFFICE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT, OVERSIGHT AND RECOVERY
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
November 15-16, 2012

OFFICE OF DROPOUT PREVENTION AND COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ENFORCEMENT

21. Approval to award Talent Search Grant to Newton Municipal School District

Purpose: The Talent Search program is designed to assist participants to continue in, and graduate from secondary schools and enroll in post-secondary educational programs. Primarily first-generation and low income students are recruited to participate in Talent Search, as this program requires no less than two-thirds participation from each of these student groups. Districts are selected for participation in Talent Search based on need, as determined by the number of eligible students in each district.

The United States Department of Education (USDE) has awarded a 5-year, annual renewal Talent Search grant to the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) that began in 2011-2012. Year one of this grant period (2011-2012) was approved by the State Board of Education on November 18, 2011. The MDE requests approval to enter into an agreement with the Newton Municipal School District to administer the grant for the remaining years, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: December 1, 2012 – August 31, 2016
- Award Amount: \$1,536,864 (\$384,216 per year)
- Method of Award: Competitive

Funding Source: Federal funds

Summary of Selection Process:

The USDE awarded the grant through a competitive process. The grant application established the MDE as the primary grantee and Newton Municipal as the sub-grantee. Grant award shall be contingent upon successful completion of preceding year's grant and availability of funds.

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Need
- B. Objective
- C. Plan of Operation

- D. Community Support
- E. Quality of Key Personnel
- F. Evaluation Plan
- G. Budget

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Target Areas to be Served by Talent Search

<i>School Name</i>	<i>School District</i>	<i>County</i>
Biggersville High School	Alcorn School District	Alcorn
Magnolia Middle School	Moss Point School District	Jackson
Moss Point High School	Moss Point School District	Jackson
Most Point Upper Elementary School	Moss Point School District	Jackson
Newton High School	Newton Municipal School District	Newton
Pilate Middle School	Newton Municipal School District	Newton
Thrasher High School	Prentiss County School District	Prentiss
Wheeler High School	Prentiss County School District	Prentiss