

OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
June 14-15, 2012

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

08. Approval to terminate the Mississippi Writing Assessment Program (MWAP) contract with NCS Pearson, Inc.

Awarded Vendor: NCS Pearson
 Iowa City, Iowa

With the previous approval by the State Board of Education in May to transition the Mississippi Writing Assessment Program (MWAP) from a summative assessment to a formative assessment program, a renewal of the existing contract with NCS Pearson is no longer needed.

The current Fiscal Year 2012 MWAP contract will conclude its fourth year of a ten year procurement, effective June 30, 2012. Beginning July 1, 2012, the "Write to Learn" program will take the place of the MWAP at no cost to the Mississippi Department of Education; therefore, no contract renewal will be necessary for Fiscal Year 2013. As such, termination of the MWAP contract is being recommended.

Recommendation: Approval