

OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
June 20-21, 2013

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21. Approval to modify grant awards to two pilot school districts implementing the *Excellence for All* program for the purpose of providing ACT and Cambridge professional development for five pilot school districts

Purpose: The Mississippi Department of Education is awarding additional discretionary grants to two pilot school districts who will serve as fiscal agents for the *Excellence for All* program. The additional funds will be used to provide professional development for teachers in five pilot districts. The *Excellence for All* program helps reduce dropout rates and better prepares students for post-secondary education.

ACT *Excellence for All* pilot districts:

- Columbia School District (fiscal agent)
- Lamar County School District

Cambridge *Excellence for All* pilot districts:

- Corinth School District (fiscal agent)
- Clarksdale School District
- Columbus School District

Scope of Grant:

- Current Grant Period: See attached
- Current Award Amount: \$121,745
- Modification Increase: \$200,000 (see attached for district amounts)
- Total Modified Award Amount: \$321,745
- Method of Award: Discretionary

Funding Source: State funds

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Excellence for All Program
Grant Award Modifications**

School District	Grant Period	Current Award Amount	Modification Increase	Total Modified Award Amount
Columbia	11/19/12 – 06/30/13	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$125,000
Corinth	03/18/13 – 06/30/13	\$71,745	\$125,000	\$196,745
Total		\$121,745	\$200,000	\$321,745