

**OFFICE OF STATE SUPERINTENDENT**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**September 12-13, 2013**

**OFFICE OF COMMUNICATION AND LEGISLATIVE SERVICES**

C. Approval to modify the 2013 Legislative Session grant to Mississippi Arts Commission – Arts Institute

Purpose: The grant is being modified to increase the award amount as a result of differences denoted in the appropriation bills and the legislative notes for the Mississippi Arts Commission and the Mississippi Department of Education. This grant modification has been authorized by both Appropriation Chairmen of the Mississippi Legislature.

Scope of Grant:

- Current Grant Period: July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014
- Current Award Amount: \$15,000
- Modification Increase: \$25,000
- Total Modified Award Amount: \$40,000
- Method of Award: Legislative Mandate

Funding Source: State General (House Bill 1648)

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Special Projects Appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature  
House Bill 1648 Fiscal Year 2014**

Mississippi Arts Commission-Arts Institute (State Funds)

The Mississippi Arts Institute provides training for teams from schools throughout Mississippi on how to use the arts to enhance learning and teaching. This project provides sequential, comprehensive arts education for each student in school. It involves the creation of an arts-based interdisciplinary curricula and regular instruction by certified music, dance, drama and visual art specialists. In addition, arts specialists meet regularly with classroom teachers to enhance the regular instruction by using the arts as a bridge to learning other subject material. This project provides diverse educational strategies such as verbal, kinesthetic, visual, musical, analytical and emotional, which will allow participants to experience the scope and variety of ways in which we learn, involving the whole person: head, heart and hands.