

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Item**  
**November 12, 2014**

**OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT (Kim Benton)**

15. Approval to modify contract with Renaissance Learning, Inc. for the Mississippi K-3 Assessment Support System (MKAS<sup>2</sup>)

Awarded Vendor: Renaissance Learning  
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin

Scope of Project: This modification is needed to account for the increase in the number of students participating in the MKAS<sup>2</sup> assessments during the 2014-2015 school term. This modification will also allow the MDE to provide statewide access to the progress monitoring resources that support the MKAS<sup>2</sup> components. These resources include on-demand professional development for teachers and administrators, as well as comprehensive instructional reports for all schools serving K-3 students. Reports are available at the individual student, school, and district level.

Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employees.

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Current Contract: February 19, 2014 – June 30, 2015
- Cost of Current Contract: \$1,134,250.00
- Modification Increase: \$ 592,046.25
- Total Cost of Modified Contract: \$1,726,296.25
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: State funds

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

| FY2015 Amounts   |                          |                  |                     |                          |                     |                       |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Item   | FY2015 Approved Contract |                  |                     | FY2015 Proposed Contract |                     |                       |
|  | Original Student Count   | Cost Per Student | Original Cost       | Proposed Student Count   | Increased Cost      | Proposed Total Cost   |
| Kindergarten Readiness Assessment  | 43,000                   | \$5.95           | \$255,850.00        | 47,000                   | \$23,800.00         | \$279,650.00          |
| Universal Screener: Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade Students in 68 Literacy Target Schools                                   | 10,000                   | \$8.50           | \$85,000.00         | 20,000                   | \$85,000.00         | \$170,000.00          |
| Statewide implementation of Universal Screener for all Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grade Students from 1/1/2015-6/30/2015* | N/A                      | N/A              | N/A                 | 64,705                   | \$274,996.25        | \$274,996.25          |
| 3rd Grade Reading Summative Assessment   | 37,000                   | \$5.95           | \$220,150.00        | 39,000                   | \$11,900.00         | \$232,050.00          |
| 3rd Grade Reading Summative Assessment Customization Fee**   | 15,000                   | \$7.00           | \$105,000.00        | 23,800                   | \$61,600.00         | \$166,600.00          |
| Renaissance U for Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grade Teachers from 1/1/2015 - 6/30/2015***                                  | N/A                      | N/A              | N/A                 | N/A                      | \$134,750.00        | \$134,750.00          |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>Original Total</b>    |                  | <b>\$666,000.00</b> |                          | <b>\$592,046.25</b> | <b>\$1,258,046.25</b> |
| <b>FY2014 Original Contract Total</b>  |                          |                  |                     |                          |                     | <b>\$468,250.00</b>   |
| <b>Total Requested Contract Modification</b>   |                          |                  |                     |                          |                     | <b>\$1,726,296.25</b> |

**Notes:**

\*\$274,996.25 will pay for the remaining schools that have Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students without a Renaissance Place subscription. This is a per pupil cost of \$4.25 for 64,705 students.

\*\*\*The customization fee is for the first 40,000 3rd Grade Assessments. This fee has already been paid for 16, 200 assessments, administered during the Spring of 2014. This fee covers the creation and isolation of the unique bank of Mississippi items. **This fee is a one-time expense.**

\*\*\*Renaissance U is an on-demand professional development available to all teachers and administrators for K-3 schools.