

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
December 18-19, 2014

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16. Approval to modify a discretionary grant with the Research and Curriculum Unit (RCU) at Mississippi State University to enhance the statewide system of support and coordinated services to local districts

Purpose: The grant is being modified to increase the award amount to assist the MDE with planning, development, delivery, monitoring and evaluation of 1) the statewide initiative to improve graduation rates, 2) the partnership between North Carolina New Schools and the MDE, and 3) statewide curricula updates for Foreign Language, Fine Arts, Science, and Computer Science.

Scope of Grant:

- Current Grant Period: July 1, 2014 – June 20, 2015
- Current Award Amount: \$400,000
- Modification Increase: \$175,455
- Total Modified Award Amount: \$575,455
- Method of Award: Discretionary

Funding Source: State and Federal Funds

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Office of Chief Academic Officer

Statewide System of Support and Coordinated Services to Local Districts
Modification Increase: \$175,455

Grant Modification Scope of Work

Graduation Completion

- Provide assistance to the MDE with planning, development, delivery, monitoring and evaluation of the statewide initiative to improve graduation rates
- Support 10 regionally delivered training sessions required of 168 high schools with less than 80% graduation rates in the spring 2015 term
- Assist the MDE with developing plans and organizing programs that aid the State Superintendent and State Board of Education in establishing, monitoring and evaluating the department's goals
- Provide on-site assistance with school districts developing and implementing restructuring models
- Coordinate and develop a plan for monitoring and evaluating the restructuring project

Early College High Schools

- Coordinate the new partnership between North Carolina New Schools and MDE

Curriculum Revision

- Foreign Language, Fine Arts, and Science
- Establish curriculum committees
- Organize the teacher taskforce
- Plan and facilitate the curriculum reviews
- Assist with writing, editing and formatting the curriculum documents
- Plan face-to-face meetings

Computer Science

- Conduct research to identify a computer science curriculum for elementary and secondary programs and submit a summary report