

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

OFFICE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (6-12)

12. Approval to award a discretionary grant to the Rankin County School District for the purpose of contracting with an Educator in Residence to provide consultative services and technical assistance

Purpose: To provide practitioner expertise, technical assistance, and capacity building for the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) in support of secondary education curriculum and instruction, dropout prevention, and innovative programs. This position will work in the Office of Secondary Education (OSE) to assist in the following areas:

- Development of curriculum
- Planning and delivery of professional development to improve instruction at the local level
- Implementation of SREB Math and Literacy Design Collaborative (LDC, MDC) grants to improve dropout rates
- Helping support the implementation and enhancement of Career Academies, Project Lead the Way, Early College High Schools, Mississippi Works, Excellence for All, Dual-Credit, AP, and IB at the local level
- Assisting local districts with the process of implementing innovative practices into their dropout prevention plan when graduation rates fall below 80% and restructuring is required by MS Code 37-13-80

A discretionary grant will be awarded to the Rankin County School District to cover salary and fringe benefits associated with the district's contract for the 2014-15 school year.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: October 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015
- Maximum Award Amount: \$97,943.00
 - Salary - \$75,000.00
 - Fringe - \$22,943.00
 - Total - \$97,943.00
- Method of Award: Discretionary

Funding Source: State Funds

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached