

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
November 19, 2015

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

01. Approval to modify contract with Connections Education, LLC for the operation of the Mississippi Virtual Public School system [Goal 2 – MDE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Connections Education, LLC
 Baltimore, Maryland

Scope of Project: The purpose of this modification is to increase funds to allow additional students to enroll in online courses during Spring 2016. The contractor is responsible for the total operation, administration, and management of the virtual school including registration, enrollment, course content, and instructional staff.

Renewal of contract for years two through five will be determined annually and shall be contingent upon the successful completion of the preceding year's contract and the availability of funds.

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

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Current Contract: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016
- Cost of Current Contract: \$500,000
- Modification Increase: \$100,000
- Total Cost of Modified Contract: \$600,000
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: State funds

This item references Goal 2 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2016-2020 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Mississippi Virtual Public School Program
Enrollment Data**

School Year	Fall Enrollment	Spring Enrollment	Total Enrollment
2012-2013	1686	1435	3121
2013-2014	1804	1695	3499
2014-2015	1547	1664	3211
2015-2016	3587		