

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**July 16, 2015**

**OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING**

- H. Approval to modify a grant for the Early Learning Collaborative Councils to support pre-Kindergarten programs [Goal 3 – MDE Strategic Plan]

Purpose: The purpose of the 2014 Early Learning Collaborative grant is to provide funding to support and facilitate the implementation of voluntary pre-kindergarten (Pre-K) programs as specified in the Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013. An early learning collaborative is a district or county-wide council comprised as a minimum of public school district and/or a local Head Start affiliate (if available ), private or parochial schools, or one or more licensed child care providers. The Early Learning Collaboratives are permitted to use state funds to administer, implement, monitor, and evaluate Pre-K programs to improve the quality of educational experiences offered to four year old children and/or to extend developmentally appropriate educational programs and services.

This grant modification will transfer the lead partner role from the Gilmore Early Learning Initiative Collaborative to Calvert’s ABC Preschool and Nursery.

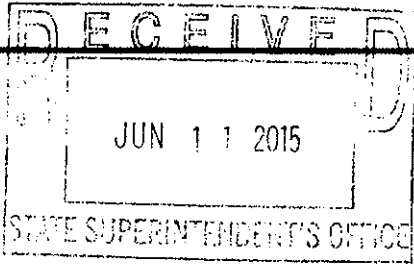
Scope of Contract:

- Current Contract: January 1, 2014 – June 30, 2016
- Effective Date of Transfer: July 1, 2015
- Award Amount: \$366,381
- Method of Award: RFP

Funding Source: State funds

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached



June 10, 2015

Dr. Carey M. Wright  
State Superintendent of Education  
Mississippi Department of Education  
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Dr. Wright,

In accordance with the Early Learning Collaborative Act Grant, the lead partner responsibilities will transfer from the Gilmore Early Learning Initiative Collaborative (GELI-C) to Calvert's ABC Preschool and Nursery, effective July 1, 2015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny J. Spreitler".

Danny J. Spreitler  
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