

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
August 20, 2015

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

04. Approval to award competitive three-year grants for school districts to pilot Dyslexia Programs [Goal 1 – MDE Strategic Plan]

Purpose: The purpose of the dyslexia grant is to assist school districts in piloting programs to meet the needs of regular education students identified as having dyslexia and other related disorders and in need of multisensory, systematic language-based instruction and programming, in accordance with Mississippi Code § 37-23-15.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: August 20, 2015 – June 30, 2018
- Award Amount
 - \$304,049.09 (Year 1)
 - \$300,955.80 (Year 2)
 - \$301,033.00 (Year 3)
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: State funds. Grant awards are subject to availability of funds contingent upon legislative appropriations.

Summary of Selection Process: A competitive grant selection process was utilized to award the grants. Proposals were reviewed and rated to determine grantees, based upon the following criteria:

- Identification of Students
- Project Objectives
- Multisensory, Systematic, Explicit, Language-Based Reading Program
- Evaluation
- Professional Development Plan
- Replicability and Sustainability
- Budget

This item references Goal 1 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2016-2020 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval