

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

**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

06. Approval of methodology to award grant dollars to Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) with a World Class Teacher Program (WCTP) site [Goal 4 – MDE Strategic Plan]

Purpose: Funds from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation have been provided for the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) to help strengthen literacy instruction and outcomes in Mississippi. The effort will be implemented through the institutions with World Class Teaching Program sites working to recruit, mentor, and support teachers who are preparing to take the NBPTS examination. A particular focus is to equip national board certified teachers with training to deliver high quality instruction to students and to support teachers in the area of literacy.

Eligibility: Only Institutions of Higher Learning with a World Class Teaching Program are eligible to receive grant funds. The IHLs were determined through legislative appropriation for special projects.

Funding Source: Other

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Discretionary

Funds will be awarded based on the percentage of total participants served during each fiscal year.

This item references Goal 4 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2016-2020 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval