OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items Consent Agenda March 17, 2016

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

F. <u>Action: Approve methodology for awarding grants to local educational agencies</u> (LEAs) to provide high quality professional development for Mississippi educators

Executive Summary

These funds are being awarded to support and expand efforts to recruit, train, and retain quality educators for Mississippi LEAs. To receive funding, the applicant must submit a grant application that includes a narrative describing the need for funding, a description of the activities that the grant will support, a budget summary, and a description of the process to evaluate the initiative. A Selection Committee will review and assess the quality of the applications. Awardees will also be required to submit progress reports and end of program evaluations.

Funding Source: State, Federal and/or Other funds

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Competitive and/or Discretionary

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

Recommendation: Approval