

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**May 12, 2016**

**OFFICE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**

01. Information: Submission of Mississippi's federal School Improvement Grant 1003(g)  
[Goals 1, 2, 3, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background Information: The School Improvement Grant (SIG) is a program authorized by section 1003(g) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Funds are awarded by the U. S. Department of Education to the State which, in turn, must use the funds to award competitive grants to local education agencies that demonstrate (a) the greatest need for the funds and (b) the strongest commitment to use funds to improve the quality of instruction and raise the academic achievement of students in the state's persistently lowest achieving schools.

School Improvement Grants are awarded for 3-5 years and range in funding from \$50,000 to \$2,000,000 per year, per school. The competition and award are based on the published final requirements for the SIG program in the *Federal Register* published on February 9, 2015. Mississippi schools identified as Priority or Focus under the ESEA Waiver are eligible to compete for this award. To be eligible, Mississippi must submit its application by May 27, 2016. Once approved, the competitive process is anticipated to begin in fall 2016.

This item references Goals 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Mississippi Board of Education 2016-2010 Strategic Plan.

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