

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
May 12, 2016

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

06. Information: Results of the May 2016 3rd Grade Reading Summative Assessment
[Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background Information: Passed during the 2013 legislative session, *the Literacy-Based Promotion Act* places an emphasis on grade-level reading skills, particularly as students' progress through grades K-3. In accordance with Mississippi Code § 37-177-9, beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, a student scoring at the lowest achievement level in reading on the established state-wide assessment for 3rd grade will not be promoted to 4th grade unless the student qualifies for a good cause exemption.

The 3rd Grade Reading Summative Assessment scale score of 926 is the minimum score associated with readiness for 4th grade based on the requirements of the *Literacy-Based Promotion Act*. This score was derived as a result of a standard setting process which includes expert judgments by a panel of educators, parents, and community members from across the state and subsequent review by the Mississippi Department of Education and Mississippi's National Technical Advisory Committee as well as other nationally known experts.

This year's state scale score average is 983, which is three (3) scale score points higher than last school year. 87% of students passed the primary administration of the 3rd Grade Summative Reading Assessment, which is approximately 2 percentage points higher than last school year.

This item references Goals 1 and 2 of the *Mississippi Board of Education's 2016-2020 Strategic Plan*.

Information Only

Back-up material to be provided at meeting