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06. Information: Update on the Career Readiness – New Skills for Youth Grant Initiative [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Executive Summary

Mississippi is one of 24 states to receive a competitive New Skills for Youth Initiative Phase I Planning grant. The New Skills for Youth state grants are part of a \$75 million, five-year initiative developed by JP Morgan Chase, Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and Advance CTE, to strengthen career-focused education, starting in high school and ending with postsecondary degrees or credentials. The overall goal is to ensure that students are not only college-ready, but that all children also graduate from high school well prepared for careers in high-skill, high-demand fields.

Through phase one of New Skills for Youth Grant, selected states are each receiving a six-month grant for \$100,000 to perform a diagnostic assessment of their career preparation system and to develop an extensive career readiness plan.

Mississippi will be eligible to apply for the phase two grant competition in fall 2016 in which 10 states will receive up to \$2 million annually for three years to implement their Career Readiness Plan.

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

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