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01. Information: Report on the Algebra Nation Project [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background Information: Algebra Nation is a comprehensive instructional platform for students and teachers that provides custom-developed Algebra 1 resources, supports, and professional development aligned to the Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards.

The Algebra Nation platform includes consumable student workbooks; on-demand study experts which are student-selected based on their learning style; a virtual community for teachers; a moderated student collaboration platform; student performance reports; independent resources for at-home use; and, MAAP-aligned test preparation tools.

The Mississippi Legislature appropriated \$200,000 for Algebra Nation (an entity of Study Edge & the University of Florida) to pilot their program in 30 school districts across the state during the 2016-2017 school year. Funding continued in the 2017-2018 school year for pilot implementation in 33 school districts.

For the 2018-2019 school year, funding was increased to \$500,000 to implement Algebra Nation in all Mississippi public schools. [HB 1592, Line 472.]

This item references Goals 1, 2, and 4 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2016-2020 Strategic Plan*.

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Back-up material: None