

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**August 19, 2021**

**OFFICE OF TEACHING AND LEADING**

- N. Approval of methodology to award discretionary grants for special projects appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature to Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) with a World Class Teacher Program (WCTP) site

Background and Purpose: The Mississippi Legislature appropriates funds for special projects as identified in House Bills that are legislatively mandated annually. The Mississippi Department of Education is directed to transfer the designated amount to the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) with a World Class Teacher Program (WCTP) site. Each site shall assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any improper expenditure. This requirement will be included in the grant agreements for the Institutions of Higher Learning World Class Teacher Program sites receiving the funds.

The World Class Teacher Program (WCTP) is a statewide university-based initiative designed to recruit, mentor, and support teachers seeking advanced certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) process.

Eligibility: Only Institutions of Higher Learning with a World Class Teacher Program are eligible to receive grant funds.

Funding Source: State funds

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Legislative Mandate

Funds will be awarded based on the percentage of total participants served during each fiscal year.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

470 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
471 appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the  
472 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year  
473 2021. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the  
474 budget requests for Fiscal Year 2023 shall be submitted to the  
475 Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail  
476 comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the  
477 Fiscal Year 2022 budget request process for each agency and  
478 institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

479       **SECTION 19.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) to the  
480 State Board of Education, not less than Twenty-three Million  
481 Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$23,080,000.00) shall be used for  
482 National Board Certification. Of this amount, Six Hundred  
483 Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) shall be used for the World Class  
484 Teacher Program providing instruction and assistance to teachers  
485 seeking National Board Certification.

486       **SECTION 20.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and  
487 Section 4(a) not less than Fifteen Million Fifty-eight Thousand  
488 Dollars (\$15,058,000.00) shall be used for the Educable Child  
489 Program. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State  
490 Board of Education shall allocate funding for the Educable Child  
491 Program based upon a recalculated formula in a manner to include  
492 only those billable days funded through appropriation of state  
493 funds and not District funds. It is the intent of the Legislature  
494 that the Educable Child funds shall be exempt from budget cuts

