

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**July 21, 2022**

**OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**

04.A. Action: Award competitive grants for Special Education State Systemic Improvement Plan K-3 and 4-8 Literacy Coaches [Goals 1 and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: The Office of Special Education (OSE) is seeking to employ full-time, 10-month Literacy Coaches. School districts, community colleges, and Institutions for Higher Learning are eligible grant recipients. The OSE developed a State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) that is clearly aligned to the strategic goals. This comprehensive, multi-year plan is based on high expectations for students with disabilities and is focused on building the capacity of local districts to implement and scale-up evidence-based practices in reading with a focus on improving reading proficiency in grades K-3 and 4-8. The Program’s goals and objectives are to: a) provide technical assistance to teachers and administrators on evidence-based literacy strategies; b) provide appropriate services to schools to ensure that there is intensive classroom-focused professional development and coaching that is aligned to the Mississippi College and Career-Readiness Standards; c) develop collaborative work relationships with district-level school personnel, school-based literacy coaches, principals, and teachers; and d) identify the needs of assigned schools and provide technical assistance to teachers to increase grade-level reading outcomes for students with disabilities by the end of grades 3 and 8.

Renewal of grants for each year shall be contingent upon the successful completion of services from the preceding fiscal year’s grant and the availability of funds.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: July 21, 2022 – June 30, 2027  
(With a liquidation period ending June 12, 2027)
  
- Award Amount: \$328,249.71 – Year 1  
\$328,249.71 – Year 2  
\$330,581.60 – Year 3  
\$339,870.05 – Year 4  
\$339,870.05 – Year 5
  
- Method of Award: Request for Application

Funding Source: Federal funds (IDEA)

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive grant selection process was utilized to award the grants.

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Qualifications
- B. Desired Qualifications
- C. Education
- D. Interview

This item references Goals 1 and 4 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**State Systemic Improvement Plan Literacy Coach (K-3 & 4-8)**

<b>District/Partnership</b>	<b>Total Award Amount for 5 Years</b>
Lee County (K-3)	\$399,841.43
Kemper County (K-3)	\$408,377.85
Webster County (K-3)	\$431,632.81
Webster County (4-8)	\$426,969.03

**Grant Award Breakdown by Category and Year Lee County K-3**

<b>Annual Cost FY 23-27 (Renewable up to 5 years)</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Fringe</b>	<b>Total</b>
FY 23	\$58,916.00	\$20,163.95	\$79,079.95
FY 24	\$58,916.00	\$20,163.95	\$79,079.95
FY 25	\$58,916.00	\$20,163.95	\$79,079.95
FY 26	\$60,683.48	\$20,617.31	\$81,300.79
FY 27	\$60,683.48	\$20,617.31	\$81,300.79

**Grant Award Breakdown by Category and Year Kemper County K-3**

<b>Annual Cost FY 23-27 (Renewable up to 5 years)</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Fringe</b>	<b>Indirect Cost up to 5%</b>	<b>Total</b>
FY 23	\$57,200.00	\$19,723.80	+3,846.19	\$80,769.99
FY 24	\$57,200.00	\$19,723.80	+3,846.19	\$80,769.99
FY 25	\$57,200.00	\$19,723.80	+3,846.19	\$80,769.99
FY 26	\$58,916.00	\$20,163.95	+3,953.99	\$83,033.94
FY 27	\$58,916.00	\$20,163.95	+3,953.99	\$83,033.94

**Grant Award Breakdown by Category and Year Webster County K-3**

<b>Annual Cost FY 23-27 (Renewable up to 5 years)</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Fringe</b>	<b>Indirect Cost up to 5%</b>	<b>Total</b>
FY 23	\$60,683.48	\$20,617.31	+4,065.04	\$85,365.83
FY 24	\$60,683.48	\$20,617.31	+4,065.04	\$85,365.83
FY 25	\$60,683.48	\$20,617.31	+4,065.04	\$85,365.83
FY 26	\$62,503.98	\$21,084.27	+4,179.41	\$87,767.66
FY 27	\$62,503.98	\$21,084.27	+4,179.41	\$87,767.66

**Grant Award Breakdown by Category and Year Webster County 4-8**

<b>Annual Cost FY 23-27 (Renewable up to 5 years)</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Fringe</b>	<b>Indirect Cost up to 5%</b>	<b>Total</b>
FY 23	\$58,916.00	\$20,163.95	+3,953.99	\$83,033.94
FY 24	\$58,916.00	\$20,163.95	+3,953.99	\$83,033.94
FY 25	\$60,683.48	\$20,617.31	+4,065.04	\$85,365.83
FY 26	\$62,503.98	\$21,084.27	+4,179.41	\$87,767.66
FY 27	\$62,503.98	\$21,084.27	+4,179.41	\$87,767.66

**Grantee Awards for State Systemic Improvement Plan Literacy Coach (K-3 & 4-8) Educator in Residence**

<b>District/Organization</b>	<b>Year 1 Grant Award</b>	<b>Year 2 Grant Award</b>	<b>Year 3 Grant Award</b>	<b>Year 4 Grant Award</b>	<b>Year 5 Grant Award</b>	<b>Total</b>
Lee County (K-3)	\$ 79,079.95	\$ 79,079.95	\$ 79,079.95	\$ 81,300.79	\$ 81,300.79	\$ 399,841.43
Kemper County (K-3)	\$ 80,769.99	\$ 80,769.99	\$ 80,769.99	\$ 83,033.94	\$ 83,033.94	\$ 408,377.85
Webster County (K-3)	\$ 85,365.83	\$ 85,365.83	\$ 85,365.83	\$ 87,767.66	\$ 87,767.66	\$ 431,632.81
Webster County (4-8)	\$ 83,033.94	\$ 83,033.94	\$ 85,365.83	\$ 87,767.66	\$ 87,767.66	\$ 426,969.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$328,249.71</b>	<b>\$328,249.71</b>	<b>\$330,581.60</b>	<b>\$339,870.05</b>	<b>\$339,870.05</b>	<b>\$1,666,821.12</b>

*The Mississippi Department of Education reserves the right to negotiate grant award amounts depending upon MS State Legislature Appropriation. Grant awards will not exceed the above amounts.*