

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**February 16, 2023**

**OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING**

- I. Approval of methodology to award competitive grants to school districts to support kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade literacy instruction and intensive intervention through High-Dosage Tutoring

Background and Purpose: In an effort to improve literacy outcomes for K-3 students across Mississippi, the Mississippi Legislature passed the Literacy-Based Promotion Act (LBPA) so that every student completes third grade reading at or above grade level. The purpose of the grant is to support the implementation of the Literacy-Based Promotion Act and improve literacy outcomes for students through High-Dosage Tutoring.

Eligibility: Applications will be accepted from Mississippi Public School Districts on behalf of individual schools that serve any configuration of students in grades K-4. There is a limit of two (2) schools per application.

Funding Source: State funds

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Competitive

Funding will be awarded based on the following methodology: Applicants will submit an application outlining their program plan that includes the use of curriculum and interventions aligned to the science of reading, and the collection of pre-and post-data to determine student selection and progress in the program. Grant amounts will not exceed \$75,000 per school or \$150,000 per district, contingent upon availability of funds.

Recommendation: Approval up to five (5) years

Back-up material: None