

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC EDUCATION
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
February 21, 2019

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

- B. Approval of methodology to award grants to local school districts to support the State Systemic Improvement Plan literacy coaches under the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*

Background and Purpose: The Office of Special Education has developed a State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) that is designed to build the capacity of local school districts in the use of evidence-based practices in reading with a focus on improving third grade reading proficiency outcomes. The purpose of grants is to provide funding for half the salary plus benefits, up to \$35,000, for literacy coaches in local school districts identified as SSIP districts.

Eligibility: Only school districts identified as SSIP districts with an acceptable application are eligible to receive grant funds.

Funding Source: Federal funds

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Discretionary to all districts identified as SSIP.

Grant amounts will not exceed \$35,000 per district awarded to SSIP district that hire a literacy coach.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None