

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**April 11, 2019**

**OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING**

03.B. Action: Renew contract with Voyager Sopris Learning for Fiscal Year 2020 for the operation of the Mississippi K-3 Literacy Professional Development Training System [Goals 1 and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Voyager Sopris Learning, Inc.  
Dallas, Texas

Scope of Project: The Literacy-Based Promotion Act was established for students enrolled in Mississippi public schools to achieve grade-level reading by the end of 3rd grade. The Mississippi Department of Education is responsible for providing technical assistance and training for teachers and administrators as may be needed to aid local school districts in administering the provisions of the legislation.

The K-3 literacy training procured for the fourth year of a five-year contract will build content and pedagogical knowledge of the essential elements of literacy and provide strategies for supporting effective reading instruction.

This is year four of a five-year contract. Renewal of contract shall be contingent upon the successful completion of the preceding year's contract and the availability of funds. Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employee.

- 2019-2020 Renewal Cost: \$ 1,250,000
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: State funds

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None