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01. Information: Overview of the Mississippi Department of Education’s Middle School Initiative [Goals 1, 2, 4, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background Information: In collaboration with the Middle School Task Force and state and national partners, the MDE is working to address academic, social-emotional, and mentoring needs of middle school students. The MDE has planned pilot site activities across the state in select middle schools that include facilitated professional learning with the MDE.

The MDE Middle School Initiative will target three strands of professional learning to build the capacity for teachers and leaders to develop the whole child: strengthening the middle school academic experience; creating strong social and emotional development supports for students; and mentoring students as they explore authentic career pathways. Each pilot site activity will help those schools increase the percentage of students meeting Mississippi College and Career Readiness Standards. The 20 middle schools will be selected through a competitive application.

This item references Goals 1, 2, 4, and 6 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*.

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Back-up material: None