

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items
May 9, 2019

OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD

03.D. Action: Renew contract with Lydia Boutwell for Fiscal Year 2020 for Early Childhood Coach [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Lydia Boutwell
Meridian, Mississippi

Scope of Project: This contract renewal includes services for Fiscal Year 2020. The contractor will provide professional development and technical assistance to elementary school and community early learning teachers and administrators on classroom instruction and family engagement for the second year of a two-year procurement including, but not limited to, the following:

- Supporting the implementation of the Early Childhood Kellogg grant and the expansion of early childhood education efforts throughout Mississippi;
- Providing a non-threatening, open, professional, collaborative mentor relationship while modeling effective early childhood teaching strategies, support and trainings for pre-k and kindergarten teachers and administrators in Head Start centers and child care centers; and
- Identifying needs, communicating the impact of developmentally appropriate practices, and supporting the utilization of the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) tool to effectively ensure school success.

This is year two (2) of a two (2) year contract. Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employee. The contractor is a PERS retiree.

- 2019-2020 Renewal Cost: \$ 47,924.00
- Method of Award: Request for Applications

Funding Source: State funds

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None