

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
January 16, 2020

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

- B. Approval to revise methodology to award competitive grants to school districts to support kindergarten through 3rd grade literacy instruction and intensive intervention during Summer Reading Camps

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 K-3 Literacy Support Grants is to support the implementation of the Literacy-Based Promotion Act and improve literacy outcomes for students in grades K-3 through summer learning opportunities such as Summer Reading Camps.

Eligibility: Applications will be accepted from school districts. Only two (2) applications per school district will be considered.

Funding Source: State funds

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Competitive

Grant amounts will not exceed \$50,000 per school or \$100,000 per district. Funds will be awarded based on the following methodology:

Districts selected to receive a grant through a competitive RFP process must:

- Develop and submit Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Summer Reading Plan which includes the following components:
 - District/School criteria for hiring and methods of recruiting effective teachers and paraprofessionals;
 - Student selection criteria and enrollment;
 - Detailed instructional schedules by the districts/schools, including the number of days, weeks, and hours of instruction;
 - Program logistics and transportation;
 - Parent notification;
 - Data selection, analysis, and progress monitoring;
 - Instructional plans based on the five components of reading;
 - Use curriculum and intervention supported by evidence-based research;
 - Collect pre and post data to determine student progress;
 - Meet annual performance goals and outcomes to be eligible for

- continued funding; and,
• Participate in required MDE webinars.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None