

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items
February 20, 2020

OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

03.A. Action: Award competitive grants for K-8 STEM Initiative Enhancement Project
[Goal 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: As the Mississippi Legislature appropriates funds, the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) seeks local educational agencies (LEAs) that will provide technology upgrades and educator training to implement all components of Mississippi College and Career-Readiness Standards for Science through agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic engineering programs and STEM programs. These funds are being awarded to LEAs to ensure that these programs are provided with the opportunities to ensure their academic success.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: March 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020
(With a liquidation period ending July 15, 2020)
- Award Amount: \$958,342.92
- Method of Award: Request for Application

Funding Source: State funds

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive grant selection process was utilized to award the grants.

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Project Description
- B. Assurances
- C. Intervention
- D. Facility Readiness
- E. Collaboration and Support
- F. Evaluation
- G. Budget

This item references Goal 2 of the Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached