

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**May 21, 2020**

**OFFICE OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS**

02. Action: Approval by the SBE to extend the funding period of 2018-2019 McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program awards as a result of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), March 27, 2020 [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was signed into law. The legislation included the provision of waivers to State Educational Agencies, extending the period of performance for grants authorized by the *Every Student Succeeds Act* and the *McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program*. On April 21, 2020, the United States Department of Education granted the MDE a waiver approval to extend FY19 (school year 2018-2019) McKinney-Vento program funds.

Background and Purpose: The McKinney-Vento program is designed to address the problems that homeless children and youth have faced in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. Grants are awarded to local educational agencies to ensure that homeless children, including preschoolers and youth, receive a free and appropriate public education and support services to eliminate barriers to academic success. Services will include but are not limited to the provision of supplemental instruction, transportation, free school meals, enriched education services, social services, and medical referrals.

It is the recommendation of the MDE that the SBE grant a no-cost extension to allow school districts to expend FY19 McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program grant funds through January 1, 2021.

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program No Cost Extension of FY19 Funds due to CARES Act related to COVID-19 (Coronavirus)**

<b>Statutes and/or Regulation(s)</b>	<b>Statute or Rule</b>	<b>Proposed No Cost Extension and Revisions of Statutes/Rules</b>
<p><b>McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program</b></p> <p>Title IX, Part A of the <i>Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)</i></p>	<p>The Mississippi Department of Education awarded McKinney-Vento program funds to local educational agencies whose proposed programs meet the program criteria with a funding period of December 1, 2018—March 1, 2020.</p>	<p>The United States Department of Education granted a waiver due to the CARES Act in response to COVID-19. The MDE will extend FY19 (school year 2018-2019) McKinney-Vento program funds through January 1, 2021. Grantees shall remain eligible for funding and receive grant funds through January 1, 2021.</p>