

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
June 11, 2020

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

08.B. Action: Award a competitive grant to school districts to support pre-kindergarten programs [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: The Office of Special Education and Early Childhood seek to improve access to high-quality early childhood programs for children in Mississippi school districts, with an emphasis on providing inclusive opportunities for students with disabilities.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023
(with a liquidation period ending July 12, 2023)
- Award Amount: \$ 50,000 - Year 1
\$ 10,000 - Year 2
\$ 10,000 - Year 3
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

Funding Source: Federal funds – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) funds

Summary of Selection Process:

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

Scoring Criteria:

Capacity to Fulfill Duties – 10%
Program Requirements – 32%
Budget – 34%
Interview – 24%

This item references Goal 3 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached