

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

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

08.C. Action: Award competitive grants for K-3 Summer Literacy Grants to school districts to implement summer reading camps [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: The Literacy-Based Promotion Act provides states that schools should provide students who are not promoted with intensive instructional services, progress monitoring measures, and supports to remediate the identified areas of reading deficiency, as outlined in the student's individual reading plan, including a minimum of ninety (90) minutes during regular school hours of daily, scientifically research-based reading instruction that includes phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension, and other strategies prescribed by the school district, which may include, but are not limited to:

- (i) Small group instruction;
- (ii) Reduced teacher-student ratios;
- (iii) Tutoring in scientifically research-based reading services in addition to the regular school day;
- (iv) The option of transition classes;
- (v) Extended school day, week or year; and
- (vi) Summer reading camps.

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) through the Office of Elementary Education and Reading will award K-3 Literacy Support Grants to schools for the implementation of K-3 Summer Reading Camps to support struggling students.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: June 11, 2020 - June 30, 2021
(With a liquidation period ending July 12, 2021)

- Award Amount: \$ 232,549.03 - Year 1
\$ 217,424.86 - Year 2
\$ 449,973.89 - Total

- Method of Award: Request for Proposal

Funding Source: State funds

Summary of Selection Process:

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

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Description of Need/Project Narrative
- B. Plans of Action
- C. Budget
- D. School Literacy Plan

This item references Goals 1, 2, and 4 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached