

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

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

- K. Approval to award formula grants to school districts for the purpose of providing reimbursement for K-3 universal screening assessments

Background: State statute requires that the Mississippi Department of Education shall select early literacy and numeracy screening assessment instrument or instruments to be used throughout the state in the screening of students in Kindergarten through Grade 3 (Mississippi Code § 37-23-16; Mississippi Code § 37-177-5). The Mississippi Department of Education, in collaboration with Mississippi Reading Panel, has established an approved list of reading screeners to be used by local school districts in grades K-3.

Purpose: Contingent upon availability of funds, districts may be reimbursed on a per-pupil basis for the administration of screeners. To be reimbursed, districts must submit the K-3 Reading Screener Selection Notification and Grant Application for Approved Screeners, as well as beginning-of-year, middle-of-year, and end-of-year data, in accordance with the established timeline and process.

Funds will be awarded based on the following methodology:

Per-pupil grant awards will be based upon enrollment in Pre-K to 3rd grade on October 1 of the prior school year.

$$\frac{\text{Funds available}}{\text{Pre-K to 3}^{\text{rd}} \text{ Enrollment}} = \text{Per-Pupil Amount}$$

$$\text{Per-Pupil Amount} \times \text{PK-to-3}^{\text{rd}}\text{-Grade Enrollment} = \text{Allocation}$$

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: June 12 – June 30, 2020
- Award Amount: Up to \$1,336,882.82
- Method of Award: Formula grant methodology

Funding Source: State funds

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached