

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
March 11, 2021

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

- E. Approval of methodology to award supplemental literacy grants to schools to support Kindergarten through 5th grade literacy instruction and accelerate reading skills through summer learning opportunities under the Literacy-Based Promotion Act (LBPA)

Background and Purpose: In an effort to improve literacy outcomes for students across Mississippi, the Mississippi Legislature passed the LBPA. The goal of the LBPA is to ensure every student completes third grade reading at or above grade level. The purpose of the Kindergarten through 5th grade Supplemental Literacy Support Grant is to support the implementation of the LBPA and improve literacy outcomes for Kindergarten through 5th grade students through innovative summer learning opportunities.

Eligibility: Applications will be accepted from Literacy Support Schools that do not currently receive Summer Reading/Literacy Grant funding. Eligible school configurations should include students in either Kindergarten, First, Second, Third, Fourth and/or Fifth grades.

Funding Source: State funds

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Formula

Funds will be awarded based on the following methodology.

Schools selected to receive a grant through a non-competitive RFA process must:

- Develop and submit a Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Supplemental Literacy Support Plan;
- Use curriculum and interventions aligned to the science of reading and supported by evidence-based research;
- Provide opportunities for knowledge-building enrichment activities that improve reading proficiency; and,
- Collect pre- and post- data to determine student progress.

I. Base Allocation:

Each eligible application from a [Literacy Support School](#) serving Kindergarten through 5th grade students will receive an allotted amount based upon available funds. The base amount will be calculated as follows.

$$\frac{\text{Available Funds}}{\text{Total Current School Year Month 1 K-5 Student Enrollment of Eligible Schools}} = \text{Student Allocation}$$

$$\text{Student Allocation} \times \text{School Enrollment} = \text{School Allocation}$$

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None