

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
April 15, 2021

OFFICE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

02. Action: Approval of Districts and Schools of Innovation for 2021-2022 [Goal 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background Information: In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-179-1 et seq., and Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 28.7, State Board Policy Chapter 28, Rule 28.7 - Districts of Innovation and Schools of Innovation, the purpose of a District of Innovations is to better prepare students for success in life and work. Innovative programs shall focus on reducing achievement gaps by expanding learning experiences for students; increasing participation of subgroups of students in innovative instructional components to enhance student achievement; increasing the number of students who are college- and career- ready; reducing the number of students that exit high school in need of remediation; and motivating students by expanding curriculum choices and learning opportunities for students.

Mississippi Code Ann. § 37-179-1 et seq., and Miss. Admin. Code 7-3: 28.7, State Board Policy Chapter 28, Rule 28.7 - Districts of Innovation and Schools of Innovation, provides for exemptions from certain administrative regulations and statutory provisions as approved by the MDE to allow flexibility for Districts of Innovation and Schools of Innovation. Districts or schools may request additional waivers if the waiver is needed to support innovative practices and does not violate state or federal regulations. Districts or schools are not allowed to request a waiver from state assessment requirements required by state or federal regulation. Absent any waivers, districts shall meet the requirements of the current Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards.

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached