

OFFICE OF STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
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07. Approval of methodology to award grant dollars for Behavioral Telehealth to schools in accordance with the Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) will award funds to create an ecosystem of behavioral healthcare delivery system within the school setting that provides mental and behavioral health care to children and increase educator knowledge about behavioral management techniques by providing access to specialized behavioral healthcare providers. Also, the award will be used to improve access to mental health services by providing in-school mental and behavioral health therapy appointments due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Eligibility: State Agencies and State Hospitals

Funding Source: Federal funds

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Discretionary

Funds will be awarded based on the following methodology:

Year 1 - \$450,000
Year 2 - \$750,000
Year 3 - \$1,050,000

This item references Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None