

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

**OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD**

08.B. Action: Renew contract with Lydia Boutwell for Fiscal Year 2022 for Early Childhood Coach [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Lydia Boutwell  
Meridian, Mississippi

Scope of Project: This contract renewal includes services for Fiscal Year 2022. The contractor will provide professional development and technical assistance to elementary school and community early learning teachers and administrators on classroom instruction and family engagement for the (second) year of a (two-year) procurement including, but not limited to, the following:

- Supporting the implementation of the Early Childhood Kellogg grant and the expansion of early childhood education efforts throughout Mississippi;
- Providing a non-threatening, open, professional, collaborative mentor relationship while modeling effective early childhood teaching strategies, support and trainings for pre-k and kindergarten teachers and administrators in Head Start centers and childcare centers; and
- Identifying needs, communicating the impact of developmentally appropriate practices and supporting the utilization of the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) tool to effectively ensure school success.

This is year two (2) of a five (5) year contract. Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employee. The contractor is a PERS retiree.

- 2021-2022 Renewal Cost: \$ 49,518
- Method of Award: Request for Applications

Funding Source: State funds

This item references Goal 4 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Early Childhood Coach**

<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	<b>AWARDED AMOUNT</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>\$49,518</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>\$49,518</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$99,036</b>