

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items
June 17, 2021

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

04.B. Action: Award an Educator-in-Residence (EIR) competitive grant for the State Systemic Improvement Plan Literacy Coach (K-3) and Regional Coordinators (K-3) and (4-8) [Goals 1 and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: The Office of Special Education has developed a State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) that is clearly aligned to the strategic goals referenced above. The comprehensive, multi-year plan is based on high expectations for students with disabilities and is focused on building the capacity of local districts to implement and scale-up evidence-based practices in reading with a focus on improving third grade reading proficiency. The grant will be awarded to a school district in support of the Educator-in-Residence program. The Educator-in-Residence will provide literacy support to school districts for a specified period of time to build literacy capacity across the State.

Renewal of grant is made available for an approved project period up to 3 years contingent upon the availability of continued funding.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024
- Award Amount: \$249,750.00 - Year 1
\$249,750.00 - Year 2
\$249,750.00 - Year 3
- Method of Award: Request for Application

Funding Source: Federal funds (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive grant selection process was utilized to award the grants.

Scoring Criteria:

- A. General Experience (15 Points)
- B. Special Experience (15 Points)
- C. Education (10 Points)
- D. Certifications and Licenses (10 Points)
- E. Interview (50 Points)

This item references Goals 1 and 4 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Grantee Awards for State Systemic Improvement Plan Literacy Coordinator (K-3)
and (4-8)

| District/Organization | Year 1 Grant Award | Year 2 Grant Award | Year 3 Grant Award | TOTAL |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Walthall County School District (4-8) | \$ 87,750.00 | \$ 87,750.00 | \$ 87,750.00 | \$263,250.00 |
| George County School District (K-3) | \$ 87,750.00 | \$ 87,750.00 | \$ 87,750.00 | \$263,250.00 |
| Lee County School District (K-3) | \$ 74,250.00 | \$ 74,250.00 | \$ 74,250.00 | \$222,750.00 |
| TOTAL | \$249,750.00 | \$249,750.00 | \$249,750.00 | \$749,250.00 |

The Mississippi Department of Education reserves the right to negotiate grant award amounts depending upon MS State Legislature Appropriation. Grant awards will not exceed the above amounts.