

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
September 17, 2015

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

M. Approval to award discretionary Educator in Residence grants to school districts for literacy coaches

Purpose: To extend the reach of the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) to provide practitioner expertise, technical assistance, and capacity building across the state in the area of literacy in accordance with the Literacy-Based Promotion Act.

Discretionary grants will be awarded to school districts in support of the Educator in Residence program through which services of the MDE to local school districts will be enhanced. These grants will place an additional 2 literacy coaches in literacy target schools across the state. Literacy target schools are identified for coaching support based on a two-year average of the percentage of 3rd grade students scoring below proficient on the statewide assessment.

Literacy coach support will include, but is not limited to: providing daily technical support to school-based coaches or lead teachers in their capacity to support instruction of the 5 components of reading, implement curriculum, administer assessments, analyze data, and utilize technology; modeling, effective coaching and conferencing techniques; and assisting administrators, school-based literacy coaches, and teachers in addressing grade specific curriculum by developing an effective school-wide literacy plan and providing strategies for monitoring the plan's implementation.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period for New Awards: September 17, 2015 - June 30, 2016
- Maximum Award Amount: Up to \$306,000.00
(Amounts per district attached)
- Method of Award: Discretionary

Funding Source: State funds

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Discretionary Grant Awards to Districts for
Educator in Residence (EIR) Program
2015-2016 School Year**

District	Number of EIRs	Title	Salary	Fringe	Total
West Bolivar School District	1	Literacy Coach	\$55,000	\$18,500	\$73,500
Yazoo County School District	3	* Regional Coordinator	\$65,000	\$20,500	\$85,500
		Literacy Coach	\$55,000	\$18,500	\$73,500
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Total	4		\$230,000	\$76,000	\$306,000

NOTE: Asterisks (*) indicate previously approved grants. This information is included in the table as a matter of reference, as the total grant amount to the district is increasing due to the addition of more literacy personnel.

The Mississippi Department of Education reserves the right to negotiate grant award amounts dependent upon appropriations. Grant awards will not exceed the above amounts.