

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**December 16, 2021**

**OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD**

05.A. Action: Award a formula grant to school districts to address the impact of COVID-19 on Pre-K classrooms [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: Under the ESSER Fund, established as part of the Education Stabilization Fund in the CARES Act, State educational agencies (SEAs) will award subgrants to local educational agencies (LEAs) to address the impact that the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools across the Nation. MDE retained 9.5% of its ESSER Fund grant (the “SEA Reserve”), to address emergency needs from COVID-19, which may be awarded through the use of subgrants or contracts.

These designated ESSER funds will be used to provide educational technology, activities to support the unique needs of students in special populations, and mental health services in Pre-K classrooms.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: December 17, 2021 – September 30, 2023  
(with a liquidation date of December 31, 2024)
- Award Amount: \$ 3,000,000
- Method of Award: Request for Applications

Funding Source: Federal funds

Summary of Selection Process:

A formula selection process was utilized to award the grants.

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Application
- B. MSIS Report

This item references Goal 3 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

## ESSER Pre-K Funds Grant

| Name of District                       | Total Grant Amount  |
|--|---------------------|
| Alcorn School District                 | \$195,652           |
| Brookhaven School District             | \$130,435           |
| Cleveland School District              | \$108,696           |
| Columbia School District               | \$86,957            |
| Corinth School District                | \$152,174           |
| Enterprise School District             | \$86,957            |
| Franklin County School District        | \$65,217            |
| Grenada School District                | \$130,435           |
| Hancock School District                | \$21,739            |
| Itawamba School District               | \$43,478            |
| Kosciusko School District              | \$173,913           |
| Lamar County School District           | \$347,826           |
| Leland School District                 | \$65,217            |
| New Albany School District             | \$65,217            |
| North Tippah School District           | \$43,478            |
| Pass Christian School District         | \$65,217            |
| Pearl Public School District           | \$152,174           |
| Picayune School District               | \$86,957            |
| Rankin County School District          | \$217,391           |
| Senatobia School District              | \$65,217            |
| South Panola School District           | \$217,391           |
| Starkville – Oktibbeha School District | \$260,870           |
| Sunflower Consolidated School District | \$108,696           |
| Yazoo County School District           | \$108,696           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                           | <b>\$ 3,000,000</b> |