

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
February 15, 2024

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC EDUCATION

03.A. Action: Renew contract with Michael D. Kent for Fiscal Year 2025 to perform the administrative duties for the Office of Academic Education, work with school districts to consolidate, work with districts in Districts of Transformation, work as liaison with superintendent of the Mississippi Achievement School District, mentor existing and potential future school district superintendents and principals in Mississippi, and special assignments [Goals 4 and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Michael D. Kent
 Madison, Mississippi

Scope of Project: The contractor will perform the following services. The duties include but are not limited to:

- Working with new, upcoming, and recently consolidated school districts, including serving as a governmental affairs representative for the MDE with Mississippi school district consolidations;
- Serving as a liaison to interim superintendents in Districts of Transformation;
- Serving as a liaison to interim superintendent in the MS Achievement School District;
- Performing administrative duties as requested for the Office of Academic Education;
- Working with administrative and training aspects of the Superintendents Academy and the Principals Academy which focus on training and mentoring existing and potential future school district superintendents and principals in Mississippi; and
- Working on special assignments as requested by the State Superintendent of Education.

Renewal option for year (2) through three (3) will be contingent upon the successful completion of services from the preceding fiscal year's contract and the availability of funds. Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employee. The contractor is a PERS retiree.

Scope of Contract:

- July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025: \$114,135.94
- Method of Award: Request for Applications

Funding Source: State funds

This item references Goals 4 and 6 of the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**Contract Worker for District Consolidations, District of Transformation, and
the MS Achievement School District**

Year 1	\$ 68,522.51
Year 2	\$114,135.94
Total	\$182,658.45