

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTABILITY
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
February 15, 2024

OFFICE OF TEACHING AND LEADING

- M. Approval of the methodology to modify the W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant award for Delta State University (DSU) to allow additional high-need districts within the region to participate in the Mississippi Teacher Residency (MTR)

Background and Purpose: The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) awarded grants to establish teacher residency programs in Mississippi for the purpose of addressing the shortage of diverse and effective teachers in schools. Through the W. K. Kellogg Human Capital Highways Grant, Institutions of Higher Education and district partners launched residency programs to prepare and support highly effective new teachers for high-need districts. All original high-need MTR partner districts are now assigned a performance classification of “C” or higher. Expanded partnerships will allow DSU to serve traditional public school districts assigned a performance classification of “D” or “F” in addition to its original district partner.

Eligibility: DSU is eligible as a current grantee that serves the Sunflower County Consolidated School District and has remaining grant funds to allow additional high-need districts within the region to participate in MTR.

Funding Source: Other

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Discretionary

Funding will be awarded based on the following methodology:

- Continue an authentic partnership with the Sunflower County Consolidated School District.
- Prepare and support highly effective new teachers for high-need traditional public school districts, as designated by their assignment of a performance classification of “D” or “F” based on 2022-2023 Statewide Accountability Performance Results.

Recommendation: Approval up to five (5) years

Back-up material: None