OFFICE OF TECHNOLGY AND DISTRICT TRANSFORMATION Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items Consent Agenda June 16, 2016

OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY AND STRATEGIC SERVICES

R. <u>Grant awards for a special project appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature</u> and identified as Digital Interactive Learning Pilot Program House Bill 1536, 2015 Legislative Session

<u>Purpose</u>: The Mississippi Legislature appropriated funds for the special project identified in House Bill 1536, 2015 Legislative Session, as the Digital Interactive Learning Pilot Program. This bill directs that the funds be used to support schools in Mississippi to purchase Wi-Fi services. The requirement includes a grant agreement for the districts receiving these funds.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: July 1, 2015 June 30, 2016
- Award Amount: \$ 1,000,000
- Method of Award: Legislative Appropriations

<u>Funding Source</u>: State General Funds (House Bill 1536, 2015 Mississippi Legislative Session).

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive process was utilized to award the grants. This process put greater weight in favor of high poverty districts and those with limited technology. Schools were selected utilizing a scoring rubric. Those with the highest scores will be awarded funds.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Digital Interactive Learning Grant Grant Recipients Fiscal Year 2016

| School District | Awarded School | Award Amount |
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| Noxubee County School District | Noxubee County High School | 70,400 |
| North Bolivar Consolidated School District | Shelby Middle School | 60,400 |
| West Bolivar Consolidated School District | West Bolivar High School | 70,400 |
| East Jasper Consolidated School District | William J. Berry Elementary | 70,400 |
| Tunica County School District | Rosa Fort High School | 70,400 |
| Yazoo City School District | McCoy Elementary | 70,400 |
| Amite County District | Amite County High School | 70,400 |
| Richton School District | Richton High School | 55,400 |
| Cleveland School District | Cleveland High School | 70,400 |
| Hancock County School District | Hancock High School | 55,400 |
| Claiborne County School District | Port Gibson High School | 60,400 |
| Holmes County School District | Goodman-Pickens Elementary | 70,400 |
| Hazlehurst City School District | Hazlehurst Elementary School | 64,400 |
| Jackson Public School District | Isable Elementary | 70,400 |
| Alcorn School District | Kossuth Elementary School | 70,400 |
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| TOTAL GRANT AWARD AMOUNT | | \$1,000,000 |