

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Item**  
**April 19, 2018**

**OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING**

- G. Approval of methodology to award formula grant dollars to school districts and Early Learning Collaborative lead partners for Pre-K to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade literacy screeners

Purpose: Funds will be used to assist school districts and Early Learning Collaborative lead partners in purchasing an MDE-approved literacy screener for Pre-K to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

Eligibility: Districts and Early Learning Collaborative lead partners will be eligible to receive funds. School districts and Early Learning Collaboratives must administer the screeners in accordance with the program's recommended protocol and submit baseline data along with performance levels to the Mississippi Department of Education prior to receiving funds.

Funding Source: State funds (contingent upon availability)

Basis for Awarding Grants: Formula  
Funds will be awarded based on the following methodology:

Per-pupil grant awards will be based upon enrollment in Pre-K to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade on October 1 of the prior school year.

$$\frac{\text{Funds available}}{\text{Pre-K to 3}^{\text{rd}} \text{ Enrollment}} = \text{Per-Pupil Amount}$$

$$\text{Per-Pupil Amount} \times \text{Pre-K-to-3}^{\text{rd}}\text{-Grade Enrollment} = \text{Allocation}$$

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None