

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
April 21, 2022

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

04.A. Action: Award competitive grant to Holmes County School District for the State Systemic Improvement Plan Literacy Coordinator (K-8) Educator-in-Residence [Goals 1 and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: The Office of Special Education has developed a State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) that is clearly aligned with the strategic goals referenced above. The purpose is ensuring all students are proficient and demonstrate growth in all assessed areas. This comprehensive, multi-year plan is based on high expectations for students with disabilities and is focused on building the capacity of local districts to implement and scale-up evidence-based practices in reading with a focus on improving third grade reading proficiency. The grant will be awarded to a school district in support of the Educator-in-Residence (EIR) program. The EIR will provide literacy support to school districts to build literacy capacity across the State.

Renewal of the grant for years two (2) through four (4) shall be contingent upon the successful completion of services from the preceding fiscal year's grant and the availability of funds.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: April 21, 2022 – June 30, 2025
(With a liquidation period ending July 12, 2025)
- Award Amount: \$326,161.88
- Method of Award: Request for Applications

Funding Source: Federal funds (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act-IDEA)

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive grant selection process was utilized to award the grants.

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Qualifications
- B. Desired Qualifications
- C. Education
- D. Interview

This item references Goals 1 and 4 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

State Systemic Improvement Plan Literacy Coordinator (K-8)

District/Organization	Salary	Fringe	Total per Award Year
Holmes County School District (2611)			
FY 22	\$ 18,750.00	\$ 6,339.38	\$ 25,089.38
FY 23	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 25,357.50	\$ 100,357.50
FY 24	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 25,357.50	\$ 100,357.50
FY 25	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 25,357.50	\$ 100,357.50
Grand Total	\$243,750.00	\$82,411.88	\$326,161.88

The Mississippi Department of Education reserves the right to negotiate grant award amounts depending upon MS State Legislature Appropriation. Grant awards will not exceed the above amounts.