

**OFFICE OF CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**May 16, 2024**

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02. Action: Approval of the MDE Contracts [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)
- 02.A. Action: Contract with Gay, Jones, and Kuhn PLLC to provide supplementary legal counsel and policy and guidelines support to the Office of Special Education relative to the enforcement of and compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Donna Boone)
- 02.B. Action: Contract with Mississippi Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) to provide a variety of education-related services allowable under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS) Program to participating non-public schools [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Donna Boone)
- 02.C. Action: Renew the contract with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) for Fiscal Year 2025 to administer the English Language Arts and Mathematics in grades 3-8, Science Grades 5 & 8; and High School Algebra 1, English II, and Biology 1 as part of the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program - Alternate, (MAAP-A) for students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities (SCD) [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
- 02.D. Action: Renew the contract with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) for Fiscal Year 2025 to administer the English Language Arts and Mathematics in Grades 3-8, End-of-Course (EOC) in Algebra I, English II, and options for Geometry and Algebra II as part of the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program, (MAAP) [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Paula Vanderford)
- 02.E. Action: Award Contract to Tann, Brown, and Russ Co., PLLC for Mississippi Adequate Education Program (MAEP), or its replacement or equivalent, calculations for Fiscal Years 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030 and the Recalculation of Base Student Cost as outlined in law [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan] (Felicia Gavin)

These items reference Goals 1, 2, and 4 of the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached