

**OFFICE OF CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER**  
**Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**December 20, 2018**

**OFFICE OF HEALTHY SCHOOLS**

- I. Approval of methodology to award School Nurse Intervention Grants, as identified in the Mary Kirkpatrick-Haskell, Mary Sprayberry School Nurse Program, Miss. Code Ann. § 37-14-3 and funded by legislative appropriation

Background and Purpose: In 2007 the Mississippi Legislature created the Mary Kirkpatrick-Haskell, Mary Sprayberry Act, Public School Nurse Program, Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-14-3. The program receives an annual legislative appropriation for the purpose of continued support for the School Nurse Intervention Program. The Office of Healthy Schools will issue a Request for Applications to award grant funds to districts for one year with up to four annual extensions based on successful completion of grant requirements. Districts may apply for up to two grant awards based on need.

Eligibility: Mississippi public school districts

Funding Source: Legislative appropriation

Basis for Awarding Grants: Competitive Applications

Awards will be based on the following:

- **School Readiness:**  
Proposal will maintain or improve Nurse to Student Ratio  
Active Wellness Policy and Health Council
- **Quality of Project Design:**  
Appropriate nurse job description  
Administration support for the nurse program
- **School Profile, Budget:**  
Provide information on a functioning school nurse program or  
Identify the need for a nurse when no school nurse program is in place
- **Support of MDE Vision and Goals:**  
Plan for improvement of student health and academic success  
Plan for quality, sustainability, and advance of the school nurse program
- Seventy-two (72) awards of up to \$50,000 each will be made based on annual legislative appropriations.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None