

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
November 7, 2019

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

09.A. Action: Award competitive grant to school district to support pre-kindergarten programs [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: The Office of Special Education and the Office of Early Childhood seek to improve access to high-quality early childhood programs for children in Mississippi school districts, with an emphasis on providing inclusive opportunities for students with disabilities.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: January 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022
(with a liquidation period ending July 12, 2022)
- Award Amount: \$ 50,000.00 Year 1
\$ 10,000.00 Year 2
\$ 10,000.00 Year 3
- Method of Award: Request for Proposals

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

Summary of Selection Process:

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

Scoring Criteria:

Capacity to Fulfill Duties – 10%
Program Requirements – 34%
Budget – 32%
Interview – 24%

This item references Goal 3 of the *Mississippi Board of Education 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Office of Special Education
FY2020 Blended Pre-kindergarten Classroom Grants**

School District	Maximum Amount Awarded	Maximum Amount Awarded	Maximum Amount Awarded
	January 2020 to June 2020	July 2020 to June 2021	July 2021 to June 2022
Petal School District	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$10,000

**The Mississippi Department of Education reserves the right to negotiate grant award amounts dependent upon legislative appropriations. Grant awards will not exceed the above amounts.*