

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**September 19, 2019**

**OFFICE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**

- H. Approval of revised methodology to award grant dollars in support of local improvement efforts for Title I section 1003 of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)* as reauthorized by the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*

Background and Purpose: The *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)* provides funds to local educational agencies (LEAs) for the purpose of building the capacity of schools to increase student achievement, in accordance with section 1003 of *ESEA* as reauthorized by the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*.

Eligibility: A state educational agency (SEA) may allocate section 1003 funds to its LEAs in order to serve any of the state's low performing schools that meet the federal definitions for schools designated as low-performing based on the requirements of the ESSA, provided the school does not also receive 1003(g) grant dollars in the same year. In accordance with section 1003, the SEA shall give priority to LEAs that serve the lowest performing schools to ensure that funds are used to enable these schools to meet the criteria for exiting ESSA school improvement designations.

Funding Source: Up to 7% of the total Federal Title I allocation for the State of Mississippi

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Formula

Funds will be awarded based on the following methodology:

- I. Base Allocation:

Each LEA will receive a base allocation relative to the current school designation as follows:

- Comprehensive Support and Improvement School designation: \$100,000 per school site
- Targeted Support and Improvement School designation: \$40,000 per school site
- Additional Targeted Support and Improvement School designation: \$40,000 per school site

If funding levels from the United States Department of Education for a given year are not sufficient to fund the base amounts as described, Priority for funding will be given to Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools. Targeted Support

and Additional Targeted Support and Improvement Schools will receive funding proportionally if funding remains.

II. Additional Allocation:

Any remaining amount after the base allocation is allocated will be based on a per pupil amount. The per pupil amount will be calculated as follows:

*Per Pupil Amount = Total Funds Available after Base Allocations ÷ Total Number of Students Enrolled in Comprehensive, Targeted, and Additional Targeted Support and Improvement Schools*

The additional allocation will be calculated as follows:

*Per Pupil Amount x # Students Enrolled = Amount of Additional Allocation*

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None