OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items Consent Agenda February 20, 2020

OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

B. Approval of methodology to award grant dollars appropriated from the Mississippi Legislature for agricultural certification programs, agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic engineering programs equipment upgrades and Mississippi Elementary STEM and STEAM program to local educational agencies

<u>Background and Purpose</u>: As the Mississippi Legislature appropriates funds, Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) seeks local educational agencies (LEAs) that will provide agricultural certification programs, technology upgrades and educator training to implement all components of Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards for Science through agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic engineering programs. These funds are being awarded to LEAs to ensure that these programs are provided with the opportunities to ensure their academic success.

<u>Eligibility</u>: All local educational agencies are eligible to apply through the Request for Proposal (RFP) competitive process.

Funding Source: State funds

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Competitive

Funds will be awarded based on the ranking of the proposal and requested funding until available funds are depleted.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None