

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADMEIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
June 11, 2020

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

A. Approval of dyslexia screeners for use in kindergarten and first grade [Goal 3 – MBE Strategic Plan]

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §37-173-15(1)(a), each local school district shall adopt a policy to ensure that students will be screened by a screener approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) in the spring of kindergarten and the fall of Grade 1.

A request for qualifications was released, and proposed screeners were reviewed by a panel with expertise in reading, dyslexia therapy, and speech-language pathology. Screeners that met all required components of the law were approved for inclusion on the Mississippi Department of Education Approved List of Dyslexia Screeners.

Approved screeners must provide overall pass/fail score for each student screened and pass/fail criteria for each of the following components:

- Phonological awareness and phonemic awareness;
- Sound symbol recognition;
- Alphabet knowledge;
- Decoding skills;
- Encoding skill; and
- Rapid naming.

All costs of screeners will continue to be covered by local districts and/or schools.

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached