OFFICE OF CHIEF SCHOOL AND DISTRICT TRANSFORMATION OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
June 19, 2025

OFFICE OF SCHOOL AND DISTRICT TRANSFORMATION

06.D. Action: Contract with Michael D. Kent to perform the administrative duties for the Office of School and District Transformation, work with school districts to consolidate, work with districts in Districts of Transformation, serve as a hearing officer for MDE, and special assignments [Goals 4 and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Michael D. Kent
                       Madison, Mississippi

Scope of Project: The contractor will perform the following services. The duties include but are not limited to:

- Will work with new, upcoming, and recently consolidated school districts;
- Will work as a governmental affairs representative for the Mississippi Department of Education with Mississippi school district consolidations;
- Will be responsible for performing administrative duties as requested for the Office of School and District Transformation;
- Will assist Office of Districts of Transformation in transitioning a district going into and out of conservatorship;
- Will assist Office of Districts of Transformation in school district improvement efforts;
- Will serve as a hearing officer for MDE as needed; and
- Will work on special assignments as requested for the Office of School and District Transformation and the State Superintendent of Education.

This contract is for one (1) year with four (4) optional years to renew. Personnel associated with this contract are not former Department employees or related to any Department employees. The contractor is a PERS retiree.

Scope of Contract:

- Term of Contract: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

- Total Amount to be Awarded: $156,092.00

- Method of Award: Request for Application

Funding Source: State funds

<u>Summary of Selection Process</u>:
A competitive selection process was utilized to award contract.

This item references Goals 4 and 6 of the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan.*

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None