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01. <u>Information: Update on Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (MSMS) and the Mississippi University for Women (MUW)</u> [Goals 2, 4, and 5 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Executive Summary

The Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science opened for students in 1988 and recently graduated its 35th class. Our students come from every Congressional District in Mississippi and represent public, private, and homeschool education.

The current MSMS priorities:

- 1. Continued improvement of facilities, specifically Goen and Frazer Residence Halls
- 2. Pursue the possibility of becoming our own fiscal agent
- 3. Design and implement new curriculum in the 2027 2028 school year with an emphasis on project-based learning in STEM disciplines
- 4. Explore partnerships to keep MSMS graduates in Mississippi for college
- 5. Continued conversations regarding our LEA status for grants and the pursuit of funding sources for future growth

This presentation will offer insight into our current facility needs, recently completed improvements, and our vision for the future of MSMS

Information Only

Back-up material: None