

**OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER**  
**Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**August 21, 2025**

**OFFICE OF TEACHING AND LEADING**

04.A. Action: Award grants for special projects appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature to the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) with a World Class Teacher Program (WCTP) site in House Bill 42, 2025 Legislative Session [Goal 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: The Mississippi Legislature appropriated funds for special projects as identified in House Bill 42. The Mississippi Department of Education is directed to transfer the designated amount to the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) with a World Class Teacher Program (WCTP) site. The sites are Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, University of Mississippi, and University of Southern Mississippi. Each site shall assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any improper expenditure. Funds will be awarded to each WCTP site based on the percentage of total participants served during each fiscal year. This requirement will be included in the grant agreements for the Institutions of Higher Learning World Class Teacher Program sites receiving the funds. The World Class Teacher Program (WCTP) is a statewide university-based initiative designed to recruit, mentor, and support teachers seeking advanced certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) process.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: August 21, 2025 – June 30, 2026  
(With a liquidation period ending July 12, 2026)
- Award Amount: \$ 700,000
- Method of Award: Legislative Mandate

Funding Source: State General Funds (House Bill 42, 2025 Legislative Session). Transferred from the Mississippi Department of Education.

Summary of Selection Process:

Grants awarded to Institutions of Higher Learning with a World Class Teacher Program site.

This item references Goal 4 of the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

### World Class Teacher Program/Initial FY26 Allocation

**Total FY26 Appropriation**                      **\$700,000.00**  
**First Half General Fund Allocation**       **\$350,000.00**

	<b>FY25 Actual</b>		
<b>University</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>FY26's First Half GF Allocation</b>
Delta State University	18	2.804%	\$9,813.08
Jackson State University	58	9.034%	\$31,619.94
Mississippi State University	68	10.592%	\$37,071.65
University of Mississippi	322	50.156%	\$175,545.17
University of Southern Mississippi	176	27.414%	\$95,950.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>100.000%</b>	<b>\$350,000.00</b>

*The second half of the \$700,000 FY26 appropriation (\$350.000) will be awarded to each university on a prorated basis, as confirmed by the certified counts (February Counts) provided by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards organization.*

First Half Fund Allocation              \$350,000  
Second Half Fund Allocation         \$350,000  
Totally FY26 Appropriation            \$700,000