

**OFFICE OF CHIEF SCHOOL AND DISTRICT TRANSFORMATION OFFICER**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**August 21, 2025**

**OFFICE OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

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

Background and Purpose: As the Mississippi Legislature appropriates funds, the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) seeks local educational agencies (LEAs) that will provide agricultural certification programs, and equipment upgrades for agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic engineering programs, and Mississippi Elementary STEM and STEAM programs that meet Mississippi Science Standards and/or College and Career Standards. These funds are being awarded to LEAs to support successful program offerings.

Eligibility: All local educational agencies with an approved Perkins Local Plan Application 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 up to five (5) years

Back-up material: None