

OFFICE OF CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
September 19, 2025

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PLANNING

01. Action: Approval of the Revised Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Request [Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 – MBE Strategic Plan]

This item references Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the *Mississippi Board of Education Strategic Plan*.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

FY 2027 Budget Request

Presented to the MS State Board of Education

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Chair, Mississippi State Board of Education

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State Superintendent of Education



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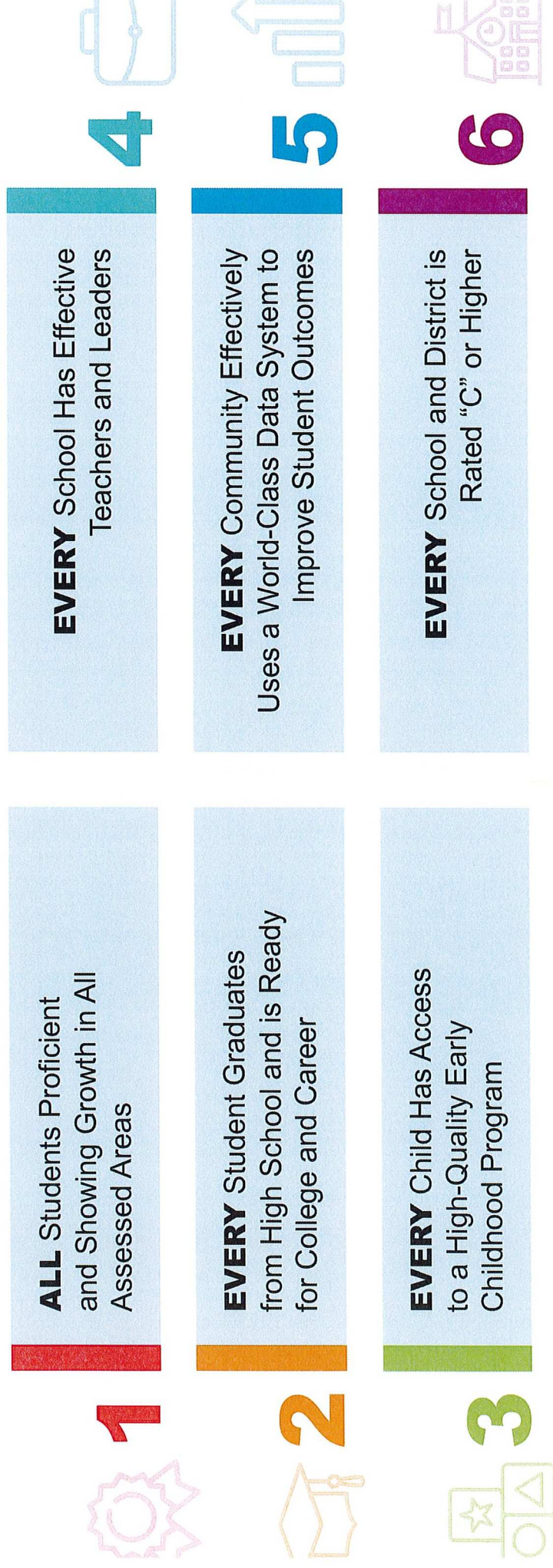
VISION

To create a world-class educational system that gives students the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and the workforce, and to flourish as parents and citizens

MISSION

To provide leadership through the development of policy and accountability systems so that all students are prepared to compete in the global community





Moving Mississippi Forward

- Adolescent Literacy Initiative – grades 4 – 8
- Math Coaches
- Board Governance
- Redesign of K-12 Experience
- Career and Technical Education Strategic Plan
- MS LEADS
 - Mississippi Superintendent Institute (MSI)
 - Synchronous Learning (Continuation)
 - Orientation for School Leaders (OSL)

2026 Legislative Priorities for FY 2027 Budget

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- Math Initiative (M3)
- Mississippi Teacher Residency Program (MTR)

MDE FY 2027 Request - State Funds Summary

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General Education (including MSA, MSMS & MSDB) & Vocational Education (CTE)

Major Funding Program	FY 2027 Request	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 +/- FY2026	% Inc/(Dec)
General Education—General Funds	149,996,327	\$ 114,575,826	\$ 35,420,501	30.91%
General Education—Education Enhancement Funds	120,864,109	119,606,109	1,258,000	1.05%
General Education—Education Trust Funds	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	0.00%
General Education—Health Care Expendable Funds	0	126,472	(126,472)	-100.00%
General Education—Capital Expense Funds	0	0	-	0.00%
TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION	271,860,436	235,308,407	36,552,029	15.53%
Vocational Education—General Funds	86,813,892	86,569,006	244,886	0.28%
Vocational Education—Education Enhancement Funds	6,637,258	6,637,258	0	0.00%
Vocational Education—Capital Expense Funds				
TOTAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	93,451,150	93,206,264	244,886	0.26%
TOTAL STATE FUNDS	365,311,586	328,514,671	36,796,915	11.20%

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Major Program	Total State Support Request	% of K12 Total	Amount Over FY26 Level	% of Increase
General Education - MDE Other	\$248,980,929	7.35%	\$35,895,133	16.85%
Direct Support to School Districts (National Board, Educable Child Literacy Based Promotion Act, Buildings & Buses, statewide Testing Teacher Supply, Early Childhood/Prekindergarten Program, MS Community Oriented Policing Services (MCOPS), Child Nutrition Federal Program Match Requirement, Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs, etc.)				
Flow Through Programs (Algebra Nation, Detention Centers, Amplify Data Coaching, MS Department of Health, World Class Teacher Programs, MS Construction Education Program, Dyslexia)				
State Schools/School Attendance Officers (MS School for Math & Science-MSMS, MS School for the Arts-MSA, MS Schools for the Blind and Deaf-MSBD, Compulsory School Attendance Officers-SAOs)				
General Education - MDE Operations	\$21,879,465	0.65%	\$4,136,899	21%

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Major Program	Total State Support Request	% of K12 Total	Amount Over FY26Level	% of Increase
MS Student Funding Formula Final estimate for full funding of the Mississippi Student Funding Formula. FY 2027 Based Student Cost-Final Estimate \$5,919,89 MSFF BASE COST \$2,983,163,112 OTHER PROGRAMS * \$16,342,575 TOTAL MSFF COST FOR FY 2027 - FINAL ESTIMATE \$2,999,510,687 *Includes Extended School Year, University Based and 504 Programs, Non-Public Textbooks, Bus Driver Training, University Based Special Needs Transportation, Dyslexia Scholarship Program, and Speech Language Scholarship Program.	\$2,999,510,687	88.60%	\$24,654,886	0.83%
Career & Technical Education New CTE Programs-Additional Teachers/Equipment National Certification -Costs for students to take National Industry Certification exams Innovative Districts and Schools - Support to help struggling schools implement innovative practices as mandated by Legislation Expand Early College High School Programs	\$93,451,150	2.76%	\$244,886	0.26%
Chickasaw School Fund Funding formula as established by Federal Court Order 84-4109 is based on revenue generated from Sixteenth Section lands in non-Chickasaw county districts. Provides funding for Districts in Chickasaw Cession counties.	\$21,623,074	0.64%	\$2,087,231	10.68%
Total K-12's FY27 State Support Request	\$3,385,445,305	100%	\$67,019,035	50%

NOTES



Budget changes for Board approval:

Budget Request Addition	Amount	Reason
Synchronous Learning	\$2.1M	The FY 2027 budget request was presented to the State Board of Education on June 18, 2025. Prior to that meeting, on May 28, 2025, the Legislature finalized the FY 2026 appropriation, which included funding for synchronous learning that was not part of MDE's original request. At the direction of the Legislative Budget Office, MDE updated its FY 2027 submission to reflect this appropriation.
Math Initiative	\$3.48M	In June 2025, the Office of Academics underwent a change in leadership. Upon review, the newly appointed Chief Academic Officer reassessed the Math Initiative plan to ensure alignment with implementation priorities and identified more accurate cost projections for deploying the initiative. This additional funding request reflects those refined cost estimates.