

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
February 19, 2026

OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND READING

05.A. Action: Award Educator-in-Residence (EIR) grants to school districts for literacy coaching supports [Goals 1, 2, and 4 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Background and Purpose: In 2013, The Literacy-Based Promotion Act (LBPA) was established for students enrolled in Mississippi public schools to achieve grade-level reading by the end of 3rd Grade. Under the provisions of the LBPA, MDE is responsible for providing technical assistance, practitioner expertise, and capacity building across the state, in literacy. The LBPA receives an annual appropriation to support effective implementation of the act.

The Office of Elementary Education and Reading, Division of Literacy, will award grants to participating Educator-in-Residence (EIR) districts based on successful competitive applications. Grant awards will be in the amount of salary, fringe benefits, and indirect costs up to 5%. EIR salaries are based on comparable state agency positions, school district positions, or similar professional roles. Incremental raises are included for extended year grant agreements. The grant funds are distributed each year based on legislative appropriation.

Continuation of grant shall be contingent upon the successful completion of services from the preceding fiscal year's grant and the availability of funds.

Scope of Grant:

- Term of Award: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2031
- Award Amount: \$13,913,204.52
- Method of Award: Educator-in-Residence Application

Funding Source: State funds

Summary of Selection Process:

A competitive application process was utilized to award grants.

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Qualifications
- B. Literacy Content and Coaching Knowledge
- C. References

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Name of District	Number of EIRs	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Award Amount
Canton	1	\$94,465.00	\$95,967.97	\$97,470.72	\$98,973.47	\$100,476.22	\$487,353.38
Carroll	1	\$94,465.00	\$95,967.97	\$97,470.72	\$98,973.47	\$100,476.22	\$487,353.38
Chickasaw	1	\$107,830.67	\$109,333.42	\$110,836.17	\$112,338.92	\$113,841.67	\$554,180.85
Greene	1	\$94,465.00	\$95,967.97	\$97,470.72	\$98,973.47	\$100,476.22	\$487,353.38
Greenwood/Leflore	2	\$188,930.00	\$191,935.94	\$194,941.44	\$197,946.94	\$200,952.44	\$974,706.76
Greenville	1	\$107,830.67	\$109,333.42	\$110,836.17	\$112,338.92	\$113,841.67	\$554,180.85
Hollandale	1	\$107,830.67	\$109,333.42	\$110,836.17	\$112,338.92	\$113,841.67	\$554,180.85
Jefferson-Davis	1	\$94,465.00	\$95,967.97	\$97,470.72	\$98,973.47	\$100,476.22	\$487,353.38
Jackson Public Schools	4	\$391,225.67	\$397,237.33	\$403,248.33	\$409,259.33	\$415,270.33	\$2,016,240.99
Lowndes	1	\$94,465.00	\$95,967.97	\$97,470.72	\$98,973.47	\$100,476.22	\$487,353.38
Noxubee	2	\$188,930.00	\$191,935.94	\$194,941.44	\$197,946.94	\$200,952.44	\$974,706.76
Oxford	1	\$94,465.00	\$95,967.97	\$97,470.72	\$98,973.47	\$100,476.22	\$487,353.38
Pearl Public Schools	1	\$94,465.00	\$95,967.97	\$97,470.72	\$98,973.47	\$100,476.22	\$487,353.38
Perry	1	\$94,465.00	\$95,967.97	\$97,470.72	\$98,973.47	\$100,476.22	\$487,353.38
Richton	1	\$94,465.00	\$95,967.97	\$97,470.72	\$98,973.47	\$100,476.22	\$487,353.38
Vicksburg	1	\$94,465.00	\$95,967.97	\$97,470.72	\$98,973.47	\$100,476.22	\$487,353.38

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Water Valley	1	\$94,465.00	\$95,967.97	\$97,470.72	\$98,973.47	\$100,476.22	\$487,353.38
Walthall	1	\$94,465.00	\$95,967.97	\$97,470.72	\$98,973.47	\$100,476.22	\$487,353.38
Wayne	1	\$94,465.00	\$95,967.97	9\$7,470.72	\$98,973.47	\$100,476.22	\$487,353.38
Wilkinson County	3	\$283,395.00	\$287,903.91	\$292,412.16	\$296,920.41	\$301,428.66	\$1,462,060.14
West Point	1	\$94,465.00	\$95,967.97	\$97,470.72	\$98,973.47	\$100,476.22	\$487,353.38
Total Amount	28	\$2,698,482.68	\$2,740,564.96	\$2,782,641.96	\$2,824,718.96	\$2,866,795.96	\$13,913,204.52