

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of the State Board of Education Agenda Items
March 19, 2026

OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT

03.C. Action: Approval of emergency contract with Caveon, LLC for statewide assessment security services for the 2025-2026 school year for the Mississippi Academic Assessment Program (MAAP) [Goals 1 and 2 – MBE Strategic Plan]

Awarded Vendor: Caveon, LLC
Midvale, Utah

Scope of Project: Due to the time-sensitive nature of administering required statewide assessments during April and May of 2026, and the continued delay of a sole source approval, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-1(f) an extreme emergency exists which jeopardizes the educational interests of the children enrolled in the schools of this state and adversely affects the agency which is required to implement the statewide assessments in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 37-16-3, and the *Every Student Succeeds Act*.

The security and validity of statewide assessments would be jeopardized by the absence of proper and timely test security evaluation and oversight. Failure to administer statewide assessments with fidelity for the 2025-2026 school year would have a direct adverse impact on the State, the MDE, the public-school districts, and public-school students. This emergency procurement is necessary to preserve and protect property such as statewide data files and assessment items, and is further necessary to comply with federal and state law.

The vendor will provide test security services to include, but not limited to the following:

- Caveon Core Incident Management
- Caveon Web Patrol
- Caveon Data Forensics

An individual employed by the vendor and associated with this contract was a former Department employee but is not related to any Department employee.

Scope of Contract:

- March 19, 2026 – March 18, 2027: \$400,020
- Method of Award: Emergency Procurement

Funding Source: Federal and General Funds

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

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material: None