

**QUALITY PROFESSIONALS & SPECIAL SCHOOLS**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**July 13-14, 2011**

**TEACHER CENTER**

18. Approval of methodology for awarding grants to Teacher Incentive Fund Grant districts to provide high quality professional development for Mississippi educators

Purpose: To assist schools to deliver and/or provide professional development activities which are embedded with best practices to improve teacher quality, recruitment, retention, and enhancement initiatives.

Eligibility: Teacher Incentive Fund districts will be eligible to receive up to \$15,000 in grant awards. Districts must submit the following:

- a detailed description of the activities that the funds will support,
- a budget narrative, and
- a plan of program activities focusing on targeted professional development for teachers and administrators.

Funding Source: Federal Funds

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Discretionary

Recommendation: Approval