

OFFICE OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT, OVERSIGHT AND RECOVERY
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
November 17-18, 2011

OFFICE OF DROPOUT PREVENTION AND COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ENFORCEMENT

15. Approval to award Talent Search Grant to Newton Municipal School District

Purpose: The purpose of the grant is to assist disadvantaged youth and adults to prepare for and enroll in postsecondary education. The United States Department of Education (USDE) has awarded a five-year, annual renewal Talent Search grant to the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) beginning in 2011. The MDE requests approval to enter into an agreement with the Newton Municipal School District to administer the grant.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: December 1, 2011 – August 31, 2012
- Award Amount: \$384,216
- Method of Award: Competitive

Funding Source: Federal funds

Summary of Selection Process:

The USDE awarded the grant through a competitive process. The grant application established the MDE as the primary grantee and Newton Municipal School District as the sub-grantee. Renewal of grant for years two through five will be determined annually and shall be contingent upon successful completion of preceding year's grant and availability of funds.

Scoring Criteria:

- A. Need
- B. Objective
- C. Plan of Operation
- D. Community Support
- E. Quality of Key Personnel
- F. Evaluation Plan
- G. Budget

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Target Areas to be Served by Talent Search Grant:

School Name	School District	County
Magnolia Junior High School	Moss Point	Jackson
Moss Point High School	Moss Point	Jackson
Newton Middle School	Newton Municipal	Newton
Newton High School	Newton Municipal	Newton
Thrasher Attendance Center	Prentiss	Prentiss
Wheeler School	Prentiss	Prentiss
Biggersville High School	Alcorn	Alcorn