

**OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENT AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items**  
**September 15-16, 2011**

**OFFICE OF STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

16. Approval of methodology to award discretionary grant funds to school districts to provide partial funding for a universal screener in language arts/reading and mathematics for students in grades K-3

Purpose: To assist school districts by providing funds to use in purchasing a universal screener which each district believes best meets the needs of its students.

Eligibility: Districts will be eligible to receive \$3.25 per student in grades K-3 in discretionary grant dollars to assist districts in paying for a universal screener in language arts/reading and mathematics. The Mississippi Department of Education is expected to disburse \$505,384.75 to districts as part of this program. Districts will be funded based upon their K-3 enrollment on October 1, 2010 or their end of year enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year—whichever is greater. School districts must administer the screener in accordance with the recommended program's protocol.

Funding Source: State Funds

Basis for Awarding Grants: Discretionary

Recommendation: Approval