

**ORDER: SPREAD ON THE MINUTES THE PROGRESS REPORT FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD AND READING DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP**

Motion was made by Mike Roberts, duly seconded by Chad McLarty, to spread on the minutes the progress report from Early Childhood and Development Partnership.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Kevin Frye, voted yes  
Supervisor Jeff Busby, voted yes  
Supervisor David Rikard, voted yes  
Supervisor Chad McLarty, voted yes  
Supervisor Mike Roberts, voted yes

After the vote, President Busby, declared the motion carried, this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

  
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Jeff Busby, President  
Board of Supervisors

  
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Sherry Wall, Chancery Clerk

**Early Childhood and Reading Development Partnership  
Oxford School District-Lafayette County School District-City of Oxford-Lafayette County  
Progress Report  
July 2017 - September 2017**

Prepared by: Suzanne Ryals, Director of Early Childhood and Reading Development

**A. PROJECT SUMMARY**

The community partnership will build an Early Childhood and Reading Development Program in the Lafayette County and Oxford Community dedicated to ensuring that all children can read proficiently by the end of third grade. The Early Childhood and Reading Development Program will build and strengthen community partnerships in the areas of school readiness, school attendance, out of school learning opportunities, and children's health and wellness.

**B. STATUS OF ACTIVITIES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD**

June 2017	
<b>Activities:</b>	
Represented the LOU Community at the National Campaign for Grade Level Reading Conference in Denver, Colorado. The LOU Community is one of 27 places across the nation designated as an All America City Finalist by the National Civic League and the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading for it's work in improving reading proficiency among low income children.	

July 2017	
<b>Collaboration Partners for the Month:</b>	
Baptist Memorial Hospital	Lafayette County Law Enforcement Association
Communicare	Lafayette County School Attendance Office
Family Crisis Services of North MS, Inc.	Mayor's Office
Families First of Mississippi	Oxford Police Department
ICS Head Start	Oxford School District
Lafayette County School District	United Way of Oxford and Lafayette County
Lafayette County 4-H	University of Mississippi
<b>Activities:</b>	
Mississippi Early Childhood Conference-Biloxi, MS Presenter (July 25-26)	
Back to School Bash-Health Fair - Avent Park (July 27)	

### August 2017

#### Collaboration Partners for the Month:

Center for Excellence in Literacy Instruction (CELI)	LOU Reads
Communicare	Oxford Police Department
EXCEL By 5	Oxford School District
Families First of Mississippi	RebelWell
ICS Head Start-Mary Cathey Center	United Way of Oxford and Lafayette County
Lafayette County School District	University of Mississippi
Lafayette County School Attendance Office	

#### Activities:

LOU Reads and the Center for Excellence in Literacy Instruction (CELI) sponsored Pre-K LETRS literacy professional development for 20 participants from the Mary Cathey Head Start and other local preschool programs (August 7-9).

LOU Reads, Oxford Police Department, Oxford Housing Authority, Lafayette County School Attendance Office, and McDonald's sponsored Breakfast at the Bus Stop at CB Webb and Laurel Grove to encourage school attendance (August 14).

Lafayette County School District, Lafayette County School Attendance Office, Communicare, and LOU Reads sponsored a Back to School Parent Night in the Harmontown community. Books were given to children in attendance and resources and services available to families were reviewed with parents (August 23).

Oxford School District, Lafayette County School Attendance Office, Communicare, and LOU Reads sponsored a Back to School Parent Night for families in the Oxford Housing community. Books were given to children in attendance and resources and services available to families were reviewed with parents (August 24).

### September 2017

#### Collaboration Partners for the Month:

Communicare	LOU Reads
EXCEL By 5	Oxford Police Department
Families First of Mississippi	Oxford School District
ICS Head Start-Mary Cathey Center	Oxford Radio Stations- Q 105.1, Q105.5, and SuperTalk 93.7
Lafayette County and Oxford Public Library	United Way of Oxford and Lafayette County
Lafayette County School District	University of Mississippi
Lafayette County School Attendance Office	

**Activities:**

Lafayette County School District School Board, Oxford School District School Board, Oxford Mayor and Board of Aldermen, and the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors all passed resolutions declaring September as Attendance Awareness Month.

A Public Relations campaign was launched during September to create awareness of the importance of attending school everyday. Public Service Announcements, newspaper articles, a radio talk show interview, and a social media campaign highlighted PR activities in September.

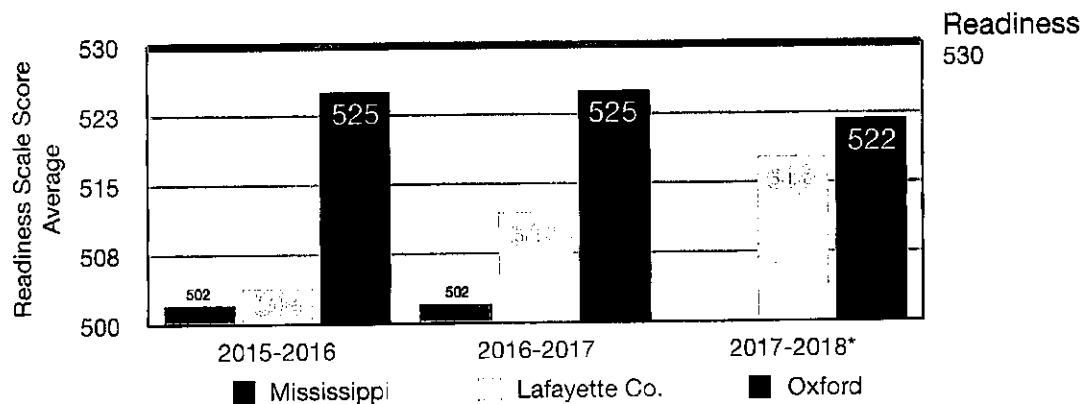
LOU Reads, Oxford Police Department, Oxford Housing Authority, Lafayette County School Attendance Office, and Krystal sponsored Breakfast at the Bus Stop at Wayne Johnson to encourage school attendance (September 25).

Lafayette County School District and Oxford School District teacher assistants were provided early literacy professional development by the Early Childhood and Reading Development staff. During this session, 11 teacher assistants participated. Professional development will be offered throughout the year to assist pre-k teachers and teacher assistants grow professionally. (September 26)

LOU Reads partnered with the Lafayette County and Oxford Public Library to install and stock 6 new Little Free Libraries in Lafayette County. The Little Free Libraries are located at Community Green, the Gordon Community Center in Abbeville, Lafayette County Fire Station in the Paris Community, Lafayette County Fire Station on Hwy 30 E, and the Harmontown Fire Station. A ribbon cutting was held September 27 to recognize the addition of these resources throughout the county.

**C. KINDERGARTEN READINESS DATA**

Public school kindergarten students in the state of Mississippi take an assessment each fall to determine the students' readiness for kindergarten.



Location	2015-2016 Scale Score	2016-2017 Scale Score	2017-2018 Scale Score
Readiness Score	530	530	530
Mississippi	502	502	
Lafayette Co.	504	512	518*
Oxford	525	525	522*

\*Data reported from local level data reports

**D. PROGRAM GOALS FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD**

Goals	
Child Care Provider Outreach	LOU Reads Quarterly Coalition Meeting
Early Childhood Providers Professional Development	Mobile Literacy Project Development
Faith-Based Leaders Outreach	Expand Community Event Participation