

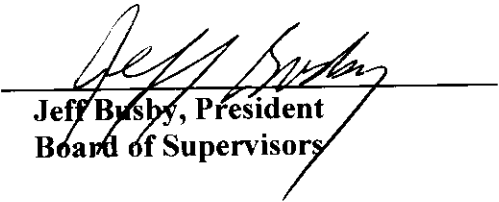
**ORDER: ACCEPT PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD AND  
READING DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIPS**

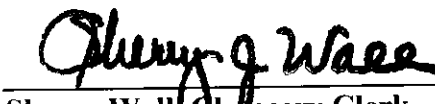
Motion was made by Mike Roberts, duly seconded by Chad McLarty, to accept progress report for the Early Childhood and Reading Development Partnerships.

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

  
Jeff Busby, President  
Board of Supervisors

  
Sherry Wall, Chancery Clerk

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

October 2017	
<b>Collaboration Partners for the Month:</b>	
Center for Excellence in Literacy Instruction (CELI)	Lafayette County School District
Childcare Providers: Discovery Day School, Mary Cathey Head Start, Mother Goose	Lafayette County School Attendance Office
Communicare	LOU Reads
EXCEL By 5	Oxford Board of Aldermen
Family Crisis Center	Oxford Police Department
Families First of Mississippi )	Oxford School District
First Regional Library	RebelWell
ICS Head Start-Mary Cathey Center	United Way of Oxford and Lafayette County
Lafayette County Board of Supervisors	University of Mississippi-McLean Institute
Lafayette County and Oxford Public Library	
<b>Activities:</b>	
October marks the beginning of a partnership with the Lafayette County and Oxford Public Library to participate in programming and assess needs of childcare centers in our community.	
Local preschool teachers and teacher assistants (18 participants) were provided early literacy professional development by the Early Childhood and Reading Development staff. (October 10)	
LOU Reads Quarterly Coalition Meeting (October 24)	
LOU Reads participated in the Family Crisis Services Halloween Spooktacular Safe Stop on the Courthouse lawn. Over 1500 people visited the event and LOU Reads distributed over 400 books to children in our community (October 31).	

### November 2017

#### Collaboration Partners for the Month:

Childcare Providers: Hope Childcare Center, Boys and Girls Club, FBC Weekday Program	LOU Excel by 5
Communicare	LOU Reads
First Regional Library	Mississippi Department of Education
ICS Head Start-Mary Cathey Center	Oxford School District
Lafayette County and Oxford Public Library	Oxford Radio Stations- Q 105.1, Q 105.5, and SuperTalk 93.7
Lafayette County School District	United Way of Oxford and Lafayette County
Lafayette County School Attendance Office	University of Mississippi-McLean Institute

#### Activities:

LOU Excel by 5 Early Childhood Provider Training- *School Readiness: The Director's Role* - Presenter (November 4)

LOU Reads and the Oxford School District were recognized for their efforts in addressing chronic absenteeism. The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) staff visited the district to film a spotlight video for media release highlighting these efforts. Allison Crain and Suzanne Ryals attended the MDE Board meeting where the spotlight video was released and accomplishments were highlighted. (November 9)

Excel by 5 State Summit - Jackson State University (November 9)

Partnered with Brian Buckhalter, Graduate Fellow at UM Center for Math and Science Education and OSD Math Coach, to provide training to early childhood providers (November 7, 8, and 28)

Public Service Announcements were recorded to create community awareness around school attendance during holiday months. School days leading up to and following school holidays often note a spike in student absenteeism. PSA's were aired on local radio stations in November and December.

### December 2017

#### Collaboration Partners for the Month:

Communicare	LOU Reads
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	RebelWell/Healthy Oxford
LOU Excel by 5	United Way of Oxford and Lafayette County

Lafayette County School District	University of Mississippi
Lafayette County School Attendance Office	
<b>Activities:</b>	
Early Childhood Speaker Series: Investing in High Quality Early Childhood Education Yields Economic Returns- Sponsored by UM Graduate Center for the Study of Early Learning, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, North Mississippi Education Consortium, UM School of Education, and Mississippi Kids Count (December 12)	
Began grant application process to fund "Healthy Readers" project for LOU community	
Special thanks to Lafayette Middle and High School Choral Program for donation of 900 children's books for mobile literacy project.	

#### C. PROGRAM GOALS FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

Goals	
Child Care Provider Outreach	Mobile Literacy Project Development and Roll out Planning
Early Childhood Providers Professional Development	