

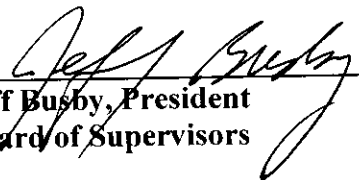
**ORDER: SPREAD ON THE MINUTES THE EARLY CHILDHOOD AND READING
DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRESS REPORT**

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

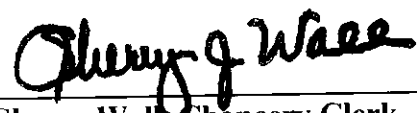
The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

After the vote, President Busby, declared the motion carried, this the 16th day of April, 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
January 2018 - March 2018**

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

January 2018	
Collaboration Partners for the Month:	
Boys and Girls Club of North Mississippi	Lafayette County School District
Center for Excellence in Literacy Instruction (CELI)	Lafayette County School Attendance Office
Childcare Providers: Hope Childcare, Mary Cathey Head Start, Mother Goose, Mother's Morning Out-OPC Stone Center	LOU Reads
Communicare	Love Packs
LOU Excel By 5	Oxford Board of Aldermen
First Regional Library	Oxford Housing Authority
Good Food for Oxford Schools (GFOS)	Oxford School District
Lafayette County Board of Supervisors	United Way of Oxford and Lafayette County
Lafayette County Literacy Council	United Way of Northeast Mississippi
Lafayette County and Oxford Public Library	University of Mississippi-Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders
Activities:	
Local preschool teachers and teacher assistants (11 participants) were provided early literacy professional development by the Early Childhood and Reading Development staff. (January 4)	
LOU Reads Quarterly Coalition Meeting (January 23)	
LOU Reads partnered with Good Food for Oxford Schools, United Way of Oxford & Lafayette County, Lafayette County Literacy Council, Love Packs, and the University of Mississippi Institute of Child Nutrition to apply for a \$300,000.00 two year grant with the America's Promise Healthy Schools Fund. Knowing that there is a clear connection between academic success and health, our "Healthy Readers" grant project will focus on improving student health and school readiness.	

February 2018

Collaboration Partners for the Month:

Childcare Providers: Kids College, Mary Cathey Head Start, Mother Goose, My Little Ones,	Mississippi Department of Education
Communicare	(National) Campaign for Grade Level Reading
Lafayette County and Oxford Public Library	Oxford School District
Lafayette County School District	United Way of Oxford and Lafayette County
Lafayette County School Attendance Office	United Way of Northeast Mississippi
LOU Excel by 5	University of Mississippi Center for Excellence in Literacy Instruction (CELI)
LOU Reads	University of Mississippi Center for Population Studies
Mississippi Campaign for Grade Level Reading	University of Mississippi-Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Activities:

Pacesetter Event- The Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (CGLR) recognized the Mississippi Campaign for Grade-Level Reading as a State Pacesetter for its efforts to improve early literacy and student success. The Campaign also recognized Governor Phil Bryant for his leadership in making third-grade reading proficiency a priority of his administration's education reform efforts. The Lafayette County-Oxford-University Reads Coalition was highlighted for its efforts in being named an All America City Finalist. These special recognitions were presented at a reception on February 15 at the Old Capitol Inn in Jackson, Mississippi.

LOU Reads applied for the honors of Pacesetter Community and Community Bright Spots within the (National) Campaign for Grade Level Reading. Communities receiving honors will be recognized in July at the Campaign for Grade Level Reading Week in Philadelphia, PA.

March 2018

Collaboration Partners for the Month:

Boys and Girls Club of North Mississippi	Lafayette County and Oxford Public Library
Childcare Providers: First Baptist Weekday, Hope Childcare, Kids College, Mary Cathey Head Start, Mother's Morning Out- OPC Stone Center, My Little Ones	Lafayette County School District
Communicare	LOU Excel by 5
Family Crisis Services of Northwest Mississippi	LOU Reads
Families First of Mississippi	Magnolia Health
ICS Head Start	Oxford Housing Authority

Collaboration Partners for the Month: (continued)

Oxford School District

University of Mississippi McLean Institute

United Way of Oxford and Lafayette County

Activities:

Local preschool teachers and teacher assistants (11 participants) were provided early literacy professional development by the Early Childhood and Reading Development staff. (March 20)

LOU Reads, LOU Excel by 5, OSD, LCSD, Families First of Mississippi, Lafayette County and Oxford Public Library, Communicare, and Magnolia Health are partnering to create "Transition to Kindergarten" packets for students eligible for kindergarten in the fall. The packets will be filled with readiness resources for parents to help their children prepare for the transition to school. Packets will be provided to students in Head Start and local childcare programs.

Mobile Literacy Project bus exterior was completed and planning for summer learning opportunities is in progress.



C. PROGRAM GOALS FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD

Goals	
Summer Learning Opportunities	Program Evaluation and Planning
Campaign for Grade Level Reading Week Preparation	Transition to Kindergarten Outreach to Local Daycare Centers