

At this time, the Summer Board Report was presented from the Director of Early Childhood and Reading Development. No action was taken.

Dr. Sandy Rogers presented an annual update from Communicare to The Board. No action was taken.

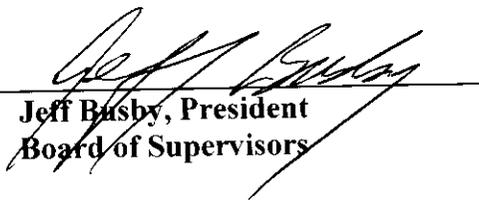
**ORDER: APPROVE VANCE BROS. BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$819,972.86 FOR STATE AID PROJECT NO. SAP-36(19)S -COUNTY ROADS 101, 102, 103, 251 & 415**

Motion was made by Jeff Busby, duly seconded by David Rikard, to approve Vance Brothers' bid in the amount of \$819,972.86 for State Aid Project No. SAP-36(19)S County Roads 101, 102, 103, 251 and 415.

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, absent  
Supervisor Mike Roberts, voted yes

After the vote, President Busby, declared the motion carried, this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

  
Jeff Busby, President  
Board of Supervisors

  
Sherry Wall, Chancery Clerk

L.O.U READS  
BOOK DISTRIBUTION



**L.O.U READS BOOK DISTRIBUTION  
SUMMER 2018**

SITE	DATES	TIME	# OF BOOKS BROUGHT	# OF BOOKS DISTRIBUTED	# OF STUDENTS SERVED
Good Food for Oxford Schools Child Nutrition Department Carrot Camp	Tuesday, June 5, 2018	10am-11am	120	34	34
Lafayette County & Oxford Public Library: Oobleck & Other Sound Science	Wedneady June 6, 2018	10:30am-11:30am	262	22	22
Summer Meals IOS	Tuesday, June 12, 2018	11am-1pm	390	144	144
Summer Meals OMS	Thursday, June 14, 2018	11am-1pm	270	141	141
LOU Boys & Girls Club	Tuesday, June 19, 218	1pm-2pm	203	54	54
Summer Meals OMS	Tuesday, June 26, 2018	11m-1pm	200	113	113
Horizon's Summer Program (MS Association of Grantmakers and MS Campaign for Grade-Level Reading Summer Distribution Grant)	Friday, June 29, 2018	1pm-2pm	130	96	28
Gordon Community Center Summer Program (MS Association of Grantmakers and MS Campaign for Grade-Level Reading Summer Distribution Grant)	Tuesday, July 3, 2018	9:30am-10am	190	108	27
Horizon's Summer Program (MS Association of Grantmakers and MS Campaign for Grade-Level Reading Summer Distribution Grant)	Friday, July 6, 2018	1pm-2pm	130	96	28
Gordon Community Center Summer Program (MS Association of Grantmakers and MS Campaign for Grade-Level Reading Summer Distribution Grant)	Tuesday, July 10, 2018	12:30pm-1:30pm	190	108	27
OPC Day Camp	Wednesday, July 11, 2018	9am-10:30am	340	111	147
Boys and Girls Club Summer Learning Day	Thursday, July 12, 2018	9am-10:30am	112	25	25
Summer Meals at OIS	Wednesday, July 18, 2018	11am-1pm	300	147	147
Summer Meals at OMS	Thursday, July 19, 2018	11am-1pm	250	87	87
<b>Total</b>				<b>1286</b>	<b>1024</b>

**Early Childhood and Reading Development Partnership  
Oxford School District-Lafayette County School District-City of Oxford-Lafayette County  
Progress Report  
May 2018 - July 2018**

Prepared by: Tamara Hillmer, 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**

May 2018	
<b>Collaboration Partners for the Month:</b>	
United Way of Oxford and Lafayette County	LOU Reads
Oxford School District	Lafayette County School District
University of Mississippi-McLean Institute	Lafayette County School Attendance Office
The Center for Excellence in Literacy Instruction (CELI)	Lafayette County and Oxford Public Library
Head Start, ICS	Boys and Girls Club
Excel by 5	First Baptist Weekday Care
Families First	Local Elementary Schools
Magnolia Montessori School	Regents School
<b>Activities/Events:</b>	
Applied for The MS Association of Grantmakers and MS Campaign for Grade-Level Reading Summer Book Distribution Grant (First Book Grant)	
LOU Reads Attendance Working Group met to plan home visits during the summer, back-to-school events, and attendance awareness activities (May 30)	
Gearing up for Summer Learning and creating awareness about the Literacy Bus	
Promoted Summer Learning by partnering with LCOPL to visit local elementary schools and child care centers to present puppet shows (the Literacy Bus was taken to these events)	
Replenished Little Free Libraries (nine in the area)	

**June 2018**

**Collaboration Partners for the Month:**

United Way of Oxford and Lafayette County	LOU Reads
Oxford School District	Lafayette County School District
University of Mississippi-McLean Institute	Lafayette County School Attendance Office
First Regional Library	Lafayette County and Oxford Public Library
ICS Head Start	Summer Meals Program
Boys and Girls Club	Horizons Summer Program
The Center for Excellence in Literacy Instruction (CELI)	Abbeville Educational Summer Enrichment Camp at the Gordon Community Center
The MS Association of Grantmakers	MS Campaign for Grade-Level Reading
Good Food for Oxford Schools- Carrot Camp	McLean Institute

**Activities/Events:**

Awarded the grant through The MS Association of Grantmakers in collaboration with the MS Campaign for Grade-Level Reading and First Book to prevent summer reading loss and to engage parents in their child's summer reading. We targeted two summer tutoring programs in our area- Horizons and Abbeville Educational Summer Enrichment Camp (Gordon Center). Students received eight books throughout the summer, along with strategies that will assist parents in engaging with their children about each book. (First Book Grant)

Book Distributions at Carrot Camp (June 5)

Book Distributions at the Summer Meals Program at OIS and OMS (June 12, 14, 26)

Partnered with LCOPL to distribute books using the Literacy Bus (June 6, 12, 19)

Presented at ICS Head Start, Inc about transitioning to kindergarten and school readiness (June 11)

Book Distributions at the Boys and Girls Club in Oxford (June 19)

Co-Conveners' Meeting for LOU Reads (June 28)

Distributed books to students in the Horizon's Program (June 28)- Each student received 4 books and activities to go along with each book- First Book Grant

Replenished Little Free Libraries (nine in the area)

McLean Institute Vista worked with us to complete various projects

**July 2018**

**Collaboration Partners for the Month:**

United Way of Oxford and Lafayette County	LOU Reads
Oxford School District	Lafayette County School District
University of Mississippi-McLean Institute	Lafayette County School Attendance Office
Boys and Girls Club	Horizons Summer Program
The Center for Excellence in Literacy Instruction (CELI)	Abbeville Educational Summer Enrichment Camp at the Gordon Community Center
National/MS Campaign for Grade Level Reading	Ole Miss Jazz Band
Lafayette County Literacy Council	Summer Meals Program
Excel By 5	McLean Institute

**Activities/Events:**

Distributed books to students in the Gordon Center in Abbeville (July 3)- Each student received 4 books and activities to go along with each book- First Book Grant

Distributed books to students in the Horizon's Program (July 6)- Each student received 4 books and activities to go along with each book. We also took the Literacy Bus. - First Book Grant

Distributed books to students in the Gordon Center in Abbeville (July 10)- Each student received 4 books and activities to go along with each book. We also took the Literacy Bus. - First Book Grant

LOU Reads Quarterly Coalition Meeting (July 10)

Distributed books to the OPC Day Camp students. We also took the Literacy Bus. (July 11)

Summer Learning Day at the Boys and Girls Club (July 12)

Book Distributions at the Summer Meals Program at OIS and OMS (July 18, 19)

Attended the National Campaign for Grade Level Reading Week in Philadelphia, PA. (July 23-27) LOU Reads was named as a Bright Spot in Mississippi. LOU Reads presented on the relationship between Public Housing Authorities and School Attendance.

Applied for The Barksdale Parent Academy Grant (July 26)- recipients will be announced in August 2018

Collaborated with Excel by 5 to have greater impact on early childhood (July 30)

Replenished Little Free Libraries (nine in the area)

McLean Institute Vista worked with us to complete various projects

### C. PROGRAM GOALS FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD (August-October)

Goals
Gain feedback from parents about the Summer Book Program through the First Book Grant.
Focus on School Attendance in the local schools in partnership with the Lafayette County Compulsory School Attendance Officer, Allison Crain, along with support from LOU Reads. September is National Attendance Awareness Month.
Early Childhood Providers Outreach and Professional Development
Apply to the MDE Early Learning Collaborative to expand quality early childhood and development services in the LOU Community.
Barksdale Parent Academy - Attend trainings and begin monthly meetings with parents of preschool students in the LOU Community. The first parent meeting is in October (date/time is TBA).

### D. Upcoming Events

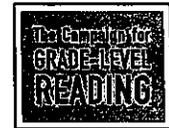
Events/Info
August 29: Back to School Meeting at CB Webb Apartments at 5:00pm
September 14: Breakfast at the Bus Stop at Wayne Johnson Apartments 6:30-7:30am
September 19: Back to School Meeting at Harmontown Baptist Church at 5:00pm
October 11: Attendance Raffle at CB Webb Apartments at 5:00pm
October 23: LOU Reads Coalition Meeting at the Chamber of Commerce Building at 10am
October Parent Academy Meeting: Date, Time, and Location are TBA
NOTE: For up-to-date info and pics, follow LOU Reads on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram - @loureads38655

### E. Attachments

- LOU Reads Book Distribution Chart for Summer 2018
- Campaign for Grade-Level Reading Bright Spot Award

2018-2019  
Lafayette County-Oxford-University  
Reads Coalition

Lafayette County-Oxford-  
University, Mississippi



The Lafayette County-Oxford-University (LOU) community is a strong vibrant community that values education. The community is home to the University of Mississippi and two successful public-school districts which serves as a draw for families to live and raise their children. The community values early childhood education and knows in order to be prosperous it must promote early literacy and reading on grade level by grade three. The LOU community has demonstrated its commitment to early literacy by forming a partnership focused on early childhood and reading development. Lafayette County School District, Oxford School District, the City of Oxford, and Lafayette County each contribute funding for a director who helps guide the LOU Reads coalition. Additional funds from the Family Resource Center help support bigger outcomes, a larger impact, and sustainable scale.

Reviewing data from the Mississippi Kindergarten Readiness Assessment, also known as MKAS2, revealed a need to strengthen early literacy efforts in existing early childhood programs to promote school readiness. LOU Reads, Lafayette County-Oxford Public Library, LOU Excel by 5, the University of Mississippi Center for Excellence in Literacy Instruction, and the school districts began partnering to provide opportunities for preschool and early childhood program teachers and teacher assistants to come together for literacy training and collaborative conversations. In order to add further value to the sessions, teachers and teacher assistants can count this time towards continuing education units. Sessions are proving to grow a strong learning network for early childhood providers between private child care centers, public preschool, and Head Start.

This initiative shows promise for a larger impact with plans to provide mobile learning opportunities. The partners are moving forward with a mobile literacy project that will use a school bus combined with the relationships built through teacher and teacher assistant training to serve the community. The mobile literacy project will provide a lab-based model using best practices by targeting neighborhoods and communities where Kindergarten Readiness Assessment results show pockets of students arriving in kindergarten classes unprepared. This project will allow for application-level training for early childhood staff and providers to promote bigger school readiness outcomes with LOU children.

The LOU community is moving beyond the walls of schools and early childhood programs to have a larger impact on school readiness. The community seeks to use its greatest resource, its people, to expand existing programs, to grow stronger alliances, and improve literacy rates among children. These efforts show a strong collaborative coalition with a focus on ensuring that all children are reading on grade level by the third grade.

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Bright Spots showcase specific actions taken by Grade-Level Reading communities that contribute to success and help drive improvement. Bright Spots highlight innovative approaches and promising strategies for achieving bigger outcomes in school readiness, school attendance, summer learning, and grade-level reading.

