

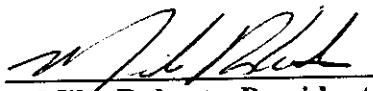
**ORDER: ACCEPT QUARTERLY REPORT FROM EARLY
CHILDHOOD AND READING DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP**

Motion was made by Brent Larson, duly seconded by Chad McLarty, to accept quarterly report from Early Childhood and Reading Development Partnership.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Brent Larson, voted yes
Supervisor Larry Gillespie, voted yes
Supervisor David Rikard, voted yes
Supervisor Chad McLarty, voted yes
Supervisor Mike Roberts, voted yes

After the vote, President Roberts, declared the motion carried, this the 18th day of February, 2020.


Mike Roberts, President
Board of Supervisors


Sherry Wall, Chancery Clerk

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

November 2019 - January 2020

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

November 2019	
Collaboration Partners for the Month:	
United Way of Oxford and Lafayette County	LOU Reads
Oxford School District (OSD)	Lafayette County School District (LCSD)
Mary Cathey Head Start (MCHS)	Willie Price Lab School (WPLS)
MS Department of Education (MDE)	Barksdale Reading Institute
2nd Chance, Inc	JumpStart
McLean Institute	OSD Curriculum Department
Activities/Events:	
Partnership Meeting with 2nd Chance, Inc about LOU ELC Parent Education and Workforce Training Program (Nov 1)	
LOU ELC Lead Partner Meeting (Nov 5)	
Professional Learning Community Meeting with LOU ELC Teachers (Nov 5)	
Read for the Record Day with JumpStart in local schools PreK through Second Grade (Nov 7)	
PreK Planning Meeting with Bramlett Elementary School (Nov 7)	
Parent Academy at Bramlett Elementary School (Nov 19) We had 31 parents/family members attend.	
Parent Academy at Lafayette Lower Elementary School (Nov 21) We had 13 parents/family members attend.	
Out-of-School Time Coffee Hour Meeting at The Graduate (Nov 20)	
Replenished Little Free Libraries (nine in the area)	

December 2019

Collaboration Partners for the Month:

United Way of Oxford and Lafayette County	LOU Reads
Oxford School District (OSD)	Lafayette County School District (LCSD)
Mary Cathey Head Start (MCHS)	Willie Price Lab School (WPLS)
MS Department of Education (MDE)	MS Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy (MSROB)
Read to Them (MSROB)	McLean Institute
Barksdale Reading Institute	CELI

Activities/Events:

PreK Planning Meeting with Lafayette Lower Elementary School (Dec 2)
Professional Learning Community Meeting with LOU ELC Teachers (Dec 3)
Parent Academy Session with parents who missed the previous session (Dec 3)
MDE Early Childhood Leadership Training (Dec 5)
Meeting with the MDE LOU ELC Coach (Dec 10)
Complete NIEER Data for the LOU ELC (Dec 13)
MS Reads One Book Planning Meeting with BES Teachers (Dec16 and 18)
MS Reads One Book Planning Meeting with LUES Teachers (Dec17)
Meeting with CELI for Summer Learning Opportunity for K-3rd Grade Students (Dec 17)
McLean Institute Meeting about Literacy Efforts in MS (Dec 17)
Replenished Little Free Libraries (nine in the area)

January 2020

Collaboration Partners for the Month:

United Way of Oxford and Lafayette County	LOU Reads
Oxford School District (OSD)	Lafayette County School District (LCSD)
Mary Cathey Head Start (MCHS)	Willie Price Lab School (WPLS)
MS Department of Education (MDE)	LCOPL
Barksdale Reading Institute	McLean Institute

Activities/Events:

Assisted LOU ELC sites with Winter MKAS treating throughout the month of January
MS Reads One Book Planning Meeting with OES Teachers (Jan 3)
MS Reads One Book Planning Meeting with LLES Teachers (Jan 6)
MS Reads One Book Planning Meeting with DDES Teachers (Jan 7)
PreK Planning Meeting with Willie Price Lab School (Jan 8)
MS Reads One Book Kickoff Event: Families of PreK through Third Grade Students- students received books at school (Jan 10)
MS Reads One Book Community Event: Families of PreK through Third Grade Students (Jan 13-31)
Professional Learning Community Meeting with LOU ELC Teachers (Jan 14)
Professional Learning Community Meeting with LOU ELC Admin (Jan 14)
Out-of-School Time Coffee Hour Meeting at The Graduate Lobby (Jan 15)
Parent Interest Meeting at MCHS about LOU ELC Parent Education and Workforce Training Program (Jan 17)
Parent Academy Training Session at BRI in Jackson, MS (Jan 17)
Parent Academy at Bramlett Elementary School (Jan 21) We had 21 parents/family members attend.
LOU Reads Winter Coalition Meeting at the Extension Office (Jan 22)
Parent Interest Meeting at LCOPL about LOU ELC Parent Education and Workforce Training Program (Jan 22)
Parent Meeting at MCHS about LOU ELC Parent Education and Workforce Training Program (Jan 17)
Parent Academy at Lafayette Lower Elementary School (Jan 23) We had 20 parents/family members attend.
Attended Plain Talk about Literacy and Learning Conference (Jan 28-31)
Replenished Little Free Libraries (nine in the area)

C. PROGRAM GOALS FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD (February-April 2020)

Goals
Provide continued support of PreK classrooms in our Lafayette-Oxford-University Early Learning Collaborative (LOU ELC). We will be monitored by MDE in February.
Receive feedback from teachers, students, and families about MS Reads One Book Project. This will be shared with funders and the community for planning of next year's project.
Support families enrolled in Adult Education and Workforce Training Program in partnership with 2nd Chance and Northwest Community College.
Plan with OSD and LCSD staff to plan for summer reading program for current kindergarten through third grade students. This is a partnership with The Center for Excellence in Literacy Instruction and BellXcel. We will contract with eight teachers to provide instruction during the program. (Section E)
Promote PreK Tax Credit for the LOU ELC (Section F) A sample of what is funded by the PreK Tax Credit are as follows: support the expansion of preschool classrooms within the LOU Community, purchase educational and instructional materials for preschool classrooms, support families enrolled in Adult Education and Workforce Training Program, partial salary of School Readiness Coordinator, support of Parent Academy sessions each month.

D. Upcoming Events

Events/Info
February 18: Parent Academy at Bramlett Elementary School
February 19: Out of School Time Coffee Hour at the Graduate
February 20: Parent Academy at Lafayette Lower Elementary School
February 20: Meeting for Parents of LOU ELC Children about Adult Education and Workforce Training Program
March 17: Parent Academy at Bramlett Elementary School
March 18: Out of School Time Coffee Hour at the Graduate
March 19: Parent Academy at Lafayette Lower Elementary School
March 28: Literacy Bus Event - Party at the Arena with Family Crisis Center
NOTE: For up-to-date info and pics, follow LOU Reads on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram - @loureads38655 www.loureads.org

E. Summer Reading Program Partnership with CELI and BellXcel

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FAST FACTS

25+

Years
of Impact

175,000

Scholars
served since
1992

32

U.S. States

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Average reading
gain in months

+2.5

Average math
gain in months

81%

Afterschool scholars
show gains
in literacy

90%

Afterschool
scholars show
gains in math

100%

Afterschool scholars
exhibit a growth
mindset

*Source: BellXcel 2018
STAR assessment

Questions? | contact@bellxcel.org | 617.282.1567

F. Mississippi PreK Tax Credit Information

We have received \$524,951 in FY19 donations.

Currently, we have received \$100 in FY20 donations.

STATE TAX CREDIT



The State Tax Credit

Individuals or corporations who make a contribution to support the local matching fund of an approved early learning collaborative may be eligible to receive a state tax credit for the donated amount up to \$1,000,000. The Mississippi Department of Revenue can approve 1:1 tax credits up to the amount the legislature appropriates to the *Early Learning Collaborative Act* each year. For 2018, the legislature appropriated \$6.5 million; therefore, the sum of the donations eligible for the tax credit may not exceed \$6.5 million. If you make a donation after the cap has been reached, you will not be eligible to receive the tax credit.



Securing the Tax Credit

To donate to a collaborative and receive the state tax credit, follow these steps:

1

Contact the Lead Partner for the collaborative to which you wish to donate. A list of all the approved early learning collaboratives is found below, along with contact information for the person responsible for collecting donations.

2

The Mississippi Department of Education tracks qualifying donations towards the cap. They will share this information with all the lead partners of the collaboratives. When contacting the lead partner, verify that the cap has not been reached.

3

After you make a donation, the Mississippi Department of Education will issue you a donation certificate documenting that you have contributed to the local matching funds of an approved collaborative.

4

Indicate your donation when you file your state taxes. Use form 80-401, which can be found on the Department of Revenue's website.

Support the L.O.U.
Early Learning Collaborative

Bramlett Elementary,
Lafayette Lower Elementary,
Willie Price Lab School, and
Mary Cathey Head Start

To make your donation, contact the L.O.U. Early Learning Collaborative Coordinator, Tamara Hillmer at thillmer@oxfordsd.org or (662) 234-3541.