


**ORDER: ADOPT 2023-2024 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING OF EARLY
CHILDHOOD AND READING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

Motion was made by David Rikard, duly seconded by Larry Gillespie, to adopt 2023-2024 Interlocal Agreement for funding of Early Childhood and Reading Development Program.

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 15th day of May, 2023.


Mike Roberts, President
Board of Supervisors


Sherry Wall, Chancery Clerk

**2023-2024 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING OF EARLY
CHILDHOOD AND READING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by and between the Lafayette County School District ("LCSD"), the Oxford School District ("OSD"), the City of Oxford, Mississippi ("the City"), and Lafayette County, Mississippi ("the County"), for the purpose of funding the Early Childhood and Reading Development Program ("the Program") to support the educational missions of LCSD and OSD.

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1974 authorizes any two or more local governmental units to enter into a written contractual agreement with one another to jointly provide services and facilities and to jointly exercise and carry out power, authority, or responsibility exercised or capable of being exercised by a local governmental unit; and

WHEREAS, OSD, LCSD, the City, and the County are local governmental units as defined by MISS. CODE ANN. § 17-13-5(a) and are each governed by a Governing Authority as defined by MISS. CODE ANN. § 17-13-5(b).

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1974, and the approval of the parties' respective governing authorities, the parties do hereby adopt this Agreement:

1. The parties hereby agree to jointly provide for the continuation of an Early Childhood and Literacy Development Program for the purpose of improving educational outcomes for children in Lafayette County, continuing an early intervention program to promote child growth and development, expanding early learning opportunities in the Oxford and Lafayette County community, and developing strategies to address school readiness, school attendance, and

summer learning.

2. The parties agree that the Oxford School District shall be responsible for the supervisory and administrative oversight of operations and personnel of the Program and shall serve as its fiscal agent. The parties each agree to provide \$25,000 per school year to fund the operation of the Program. As fiscal agent, OSD will annually invoice LCSD, the City, and the County, for their respective contributions. The City and the County shall have no further obligations or responsibilities under this Agreement.

3. The parties understand that OSD hired a Director of Early Childhood and Reading Development ("Director") in July 2017, based on recommendations brought forth by a joint search committee appointed by the superintendents of OSD and LCSD. The Director is a full-time certified position employed by and provided appropriate facilities by OSD. The Director's salary will be funded by \$25,000 given by each party.

4. The parties understand that OSD hired a School Readiness Coordinator in July 2019, based on recommendations brought forth by a joint search committee appointed by the superintendents of OSD and LCSD. This position is a part-time certified position employed by and provided appropriate facilities by OSD. The School Readiness Coordinator's salary will be funded through donations to the L.O.U Early Learning Collaborative. The parties' intent is that the School Readiness Coordinator position will be funded as a part-time certified position only when donations to the L.O.U Early Learning Collaborative exceed the amount of \$100,000 during the prior academic year.

5. This agreement shall be effective on the date the agreement is approved by the Attorney General and shall expire on June 30th, 2024. If the parties desire to renew the

agreement, each party shall give written notice of its intent to exercise its option to renew the agreement sixty (60) days before expiration of the initial term of the agreement.

6. This agreement is effective subject to the approval of the Attorney General of the State of Mississippi.

SIGNED and AGREED to, this the _____ day of _____, 2023.

OXFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

President

Secretary

SIGNED and AGREED to, this the _____ day of _____, 2023.

LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

President

Secretary

SIGNED and AGREED to, this the _____ day of _____, 2023.

CITY OF OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Mayor

City Clerk

SIGNED and AGREED to, this the _____ day of _____, 2023.

LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

President, Board of Supervisors

County Administrator