

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Title:** SBE Plan for the Use of Mentor Funds and Mentor Training

**Type of Executive Summary:**

- Action
- Action on First Reading
- Discussion
- Information

**Policy Implications:**

- Constitution \_\_\_\_\_
- General Statute # \_\_\_\_\_
- SBE Policy # \_\_\_\_\_
- SBE Policy Amendment
- SBE Policy (New)
- APA # \_\_\_\_\_
- APA Amendment
- APA (New)
- Other Section 7.8 of Session Law 2008-107

**Presenter(s):** Mr. Philip Price (Associate Superintendent, Financial and Business Services) and Dr. Jesse Dingle (Director, Talent Development and Management Division)

**Description:**

The 2008 Budget Bill contains a special provision that requires the State Board of Education to allot funds for mentoring services to local school administrative units based on the highest number of employees in the preceding three school years who (i) are paid with State, federal, or local funds and (ii) are either teachers paid on the first or second steps of the teacher salary schedule or instructional support personnel paid on the first step of the instructional support personnel salary schedule. LEAs are to use these funds to provide mentoring support to eligible employees in accordance with a plan approved by the State Board of Education. The plan shall also include information on how all mentors in the LEAs will be trained to provide mentoring support.

**Resources:**

\$11.2M appropriated in the State budget for mentors for LEAs. Additional funds from DPI will be required to provide training to mentors.

**Input Process:**

The plan was shared with selected local school personnel.

**Stakeholders:**

Beginning teachers and designated mentors

**Timeline For Action:**

The plan is presented for approval this month.

**Recommendations:**

It is requested that the SBE approve the 2008-2009 Transition Plan for the Use of Mentor Funds.

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**Audiovisual equipment requested for the presentation:**

- Data Projector/Video (Videotape/DVD and/or Computer Data, Internet, Presentations-PowerPoint preferred)  
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 Motion By: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Postponed \_\_\_\_\_ Revised \_\_\_\_\_  
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