

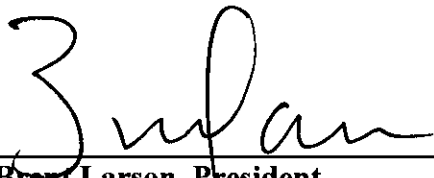
**ORDER: ACCEPT QUARTERLY REPORT FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD AND
READING DEVELOPMENT**

Motion was made by Greg Bynum, duly seconded by Tim Gordon, to accept quarterly report from Early Childhood and Reading Development.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Brent Larson, voted yes
Supervisor John Morgan, voted yes
Supervisor Tim Gordon, voted yes
Supervisor Scott Allen, voted yes
Supervisor Greg Bynum, voted yes

After the vote, President Larson, declared the motion carried, this the 18th day of March, 2024.



**Brent Larson, President
Board of Supervisors**



Mike Roberts, Chancery Clerk

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

November 2021 - January 2022

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 2021	
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 Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (MSCGLR)
Second Chance, Inc.	Northwest Community College (NWCC)
UM McLean Institute VISTA Program	Center for Excellence in Literacy Instruction (CELI)
Ole Miss Athletics- Kermit's Kids	Mission Acceleration
Bezos Family Foundation	
Activities/Events:	
Community Lead/Site Supervisor Feedback Friday for Mission Acceleration (Nov 5, 12, 19, 26)	
OSD PreK Planning Meeting for 22-23 School Year (Nov 18)	
LOU ELC Lead Partner Meeting and PLC Meeting via Zoom (Nov 30)	
LOU ELC PLC Meeting via Zoom (Nov 30)	
Participated in refresher courses for Mind in the Making throughout the month.	
Planning throughout the month with Ole Miss Athletics/Basketball to develop the Kermit's Kids Program	
Contacted LOU ELC PreK Classroom family members to recruit for the Adult Education and Workforce Training Program with Second Chance, Inc. and Northwest Community College.	
Replenished Little Free Libraries throughout the LOU Community	

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Bezos Foundation- Mind in the Making	Shelton School
Second Chance, Inc.	Northwest Community College
OSD Family Support Center (FSC)	Center for Excellence in Literacy Instruction (CELI)
UM McLean Institute VISTA Program	Bezos Family Foundation
Activities/Events:	
The Shelton School Partner Meeting for the North MS Literacy Project (Dec 1, 2)	
Community Lead/Site Supervisor Feedback Friday for Mission Acceleration (Dec 3)	
Mind in the Making Training Follow-up via Zoom (Dec 7)	
Planning Meeting with Second Chance, Inc about establishing an ESL Class for PreK families (Dec 6)	
LOU Read Fall Coalition Meeting (Dec 9)	
Participated in refresher courses for Mind in the Making throughout the month.	
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Replenished Little Free Libraries throughout the LOU Community	

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Activities/Events:	
MSCGLR Checkin Meeting via Zoom (Jan 6)	
EC Lunch and Learn with local directors (Jan 11)	
ESL Class began for LOU ELC Families (Jan 13) - every Tuesday and Thursday 8-9am (Section F)	
PreK Registration Planning Meeting for 22-23 (Jan 20)	
LOU ELC Lead Partner Meeting via Zoom (Jan 25)	
LOU ELC PLC Meeting via Zoom (Jan 25)	
Participated in refresher courses for Mind in the Making throughout the month.	
Contacted LOU ELC PreK Classroom family members to recruit for the Adult Education and Workforce Training Program with Second Chance, Inc. and Northwest Community College.	
Replenished Little Free Libraries (nine in the area)	

C. PROGRAM GOALS FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD (February 2022 - April 2022)

Continued support of PreK classrooms in our Lafayette-Oxford-University Early Learning Collaborative (LOU ELC). Currently, classrooms are completing Winter Assessments. We will analyze the results to improve instruction for the spring semester. (Section E)
Recruit family members of LOU ELC PreK Classrooms for the Adult Education and Workforce Training Program. We have Recruitment Nights planned for the spring semester.
Provide professional development for the LOU Community childcare centers and schools. This will likely be virtual through LOU Reads.
Support the site supervisors of MiSsion Acceleration. We are recruiting Academic Guides on February 24 at Ole Miss.
Plan Mind in the Making Trainings for the months of March-May 2022.
Partner with the School of Education to plan for Mississippi Day on April 9. We will have the Literacy Bus set up for families to receive free books.
Continue to promote efforts of LOU Reads through our website and social media
Promote PreK Tax Credit for the LOU ELC (Section G)

D. Upcoming Events

February 24 from 4-5pm LOU Read Winter Coalition Meeting OSD Board Meeting Room, 1637 Hwy 30 East, Oxford, MS Stay tuned to LOU Reads Social Media for more info.
NOTE: For up-to-date info and pics, follow LOU Reads on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram - @loureads38655

E. MKAS Scores for LOU ELC sites Fall 21-Winter 21/22

We are currently completing Winter Assessments. However, preliminary results show a 84 scale score increase in the average scale score from the Fall Assessment.

There is only a Spring Benchmark score for PreK students, which is a scale score of 498. Students in the LOU ELC are expected to have a minimum scale score of 498 or a gain of 98 scale score points for the school year.

Site	Fall 2021	Winter 21-22
	Average Scale Score	Average Scale Score
LOU ELC	422	
BES	423	
LES	410	
MCHS	395	
WPLS	474	

F. ESL Class for LOU ELC Families

In partnership with Second Chance, Inc., we have begun an English as a Second Language (ESL) Class with families in the LOU ELC, which is led by Lynndy Hurdle. The ESL class has started extraordinarily well. Each Tuesday and Thursday, we have 10-12 mothers attend the class. We focus on learning English words and speaking simple sentences. We also practice reading books in English so that the mothers can read to their young children. The mothers are eager to learn and are grateful for this opportunity. We anticipate the class growing in the weeks and months to come.

The class meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8-9am in the former Oxford Elementary Cafeteria.

G. Mississippi PreK Tax Credit Information

We received **\$83t,610** in MS PreK Tax Credit donations during 2021.
To date, we have accepted **\$1,630** in PreK Tax Credit donations for 2022.

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 tlhillmer@oxfordsd.org or (662) 234-3541.