EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39211

OPEN RECRUITMENT

POSITION VACANCY: SUPERINTENDENT, MS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Starting Salary: \$87,712.80

The Mississippi Board of Education, the governing board of the Mississippi School for the Blind (MSB), is seeking a highly qualified, highly effective leader to serve as superintendent of the school. MSB is a specialized, residential school serving blind and visually impaired student and provides some resources for local schools servicing blind and visually impaired students throughout the state. MSB consists of a campus-based K-12 program (74 students), a homebased early intervention program (63 students), a low vision clinic (130 students served), and an instructional resource center (300 students served). The residential program is housed in four dormitories and an independent living house. The school recently celebrated its 165th Anniversary and is the 10th oldest school for the blind in the country.

The mission of the Mississippi School for the Blind is to promote a strong foundation for learning and independence by providing specialized adapted services and materials to enhance maximum potential for students with visual impairments or blindness. This mission is accomplished through effective leadership, qualified and dedicated staff, small class sizes, individualized student programs, and a school community committed to student success. MSB is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS/CASI).

The minimum qualifications for this position are:

• A Master's Degree in Education from an accredited four year college or university and five (5) years experience in education

AND

• Possession of a valid AA Certification from the Department of Education in Exceptional Children/Visually Impaired, Areas 35/218;

AND

• Possession of a valid class AAA Certification from the Department of Education in Area 486 (School Administration).

REF: 37-9-13 MS Code 1972 Annotated.

Interested persons should apply online at <u>www.mspb.ms.gov</u> or submit a formal application which includes: a personal letter of application which addresses qualifications; a current resume; transcripts from colleges or universities which awarded a degree; and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of people who may serve as references. The deadline for applications is Friday, April 19, 2013. Inquires may be made by contacting Joyce Wallace at <u>jwallace@mde.k12.ms.us</u> or 601-984-8106.

Completed applications should be sent to: Cassandra Moore, Mississippi Department of Education, P.O. Box 771, Jackson, MS 39205-0771.

The Mississippi School for the Blind is an Equal Opportunity Employer