

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**  
**April 18, 2031**

**SUBJECT:**

District Strategic Plan

**BACKGROUND:**

Each school district must develop a five-year district strategic plan, and each school must develop a five-year school renewal plan as required by the Early Childhood Development and Academic Assistance Act of 1993 and the Education Accountability Act of 1998. District and school plans shall coordinate and align improvement initiatives [State Board Regulation 43-261]. As part of a continuous improvement process, each district is required to submit an update to its strategic plan every spring.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:**

The District Strategic Plan is not a static document, but one that provides a framework for moving Aiken County forward over the course of five years. The goals, strategies, and activities contained within the plan, including plans for gifted and talented education and our proficiency-based system, are reviewed and updated continually to meet the changing needs of our students and communities.

This plan incorporates the strategies and action plans adopted by the school district during the school year of 2021-2022. A team of community and school district stakeholders updated those strategies in fall 2021 and spring 2022 to align our mission and beliefs with the state-required strategic plan document.

Districts are permitted to request waivers from any regulation that may create a barrier to implementing activities in the strategic plan. This strategic plan includes the following waivers, which must be approved by this board and submitted to the State Department of Education for further action:

- SBE Regulation 43-2051 Teachers teaching more than four (4) preps
- SBE Regulation 43-2052 Teachers teaching more than 1500 minutes
- SBE Regulation 43-2053 High School Principal over two schools or grades more than 9-12
- SBE Regulation 43-205 Schools with fewer than 375 students must provide at least half-time services of a certified library media specialist. Schools with 375 or more students must provide the services of a full-time certified library media specialist.
- SBE Regulation 43-232 and 43-234 A school may award one unit of credit for an academic standards-based course that requires a minimum of 120 hours of instruction. A school may award one-half unit of credit for an academic standards-based course requiring a minimum of 60 hours of instruction and one-fourth unit of credit for an academic standards-based course requiring a minimum of 30 hours of instruction.

**ATTACHMENT:**

District Strategic Plan

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the 2023-2027 District Strategic Plan Update 1 and District Waivers

**PREPARED BY:**

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