

## **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**September 13, 2022**

### **SUBJECT:**

Planning for the New Career Center on the Aiken Technical College campus

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

As part of the general assembly's budget for 2022-23 that Governor Henry McMaster signed, ACPSD is to receive \$30,000,000.00 to fund a new Career and Technology Center. This funding comes from the MOX settlement with the Department of Energy regarding the storage of plutonium at Savannah River Site. Senator Tom Young and our legislative delegation were instrumental in securing this funding for the Career and Technology Center.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:**

From the beginning of the process, administration has worked closely with Dr. Forest Mahan and his staff at Aiken Technical College (ATC). Our desire is to locate the new Career and Technology Center on the campus of ATC. This partnership will help us to maximize the use of funds while providing expanded dual enrollment opportunities for our students. It will also promote closer collaboration between ACPSD and ATC in developing the workforce for our County. The plan is for ACPSD to enter into a long-term lease for a portion of the ATC Campus on Jefferson Davis Highway in Graniteville. Once constructed ACPSD will maintain full ownership of the facility.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Approve the Administration's proposal to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Aiken Technical College for the purpose of a long-term lease to locate the new Aiken County Career and Technology Center on the Aiken Technical College Campus.

### **PREPARED BY:**

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