

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

May 14, 2024

SUBJECT:

Update of Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act was signed into law. As part of ARP, the U. S. Department of Education is providing an additional \$121.9 billion for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III Fund). This legislation is awarding grants to state educational agencies, including the S. C. Department of Education, to provide local educational agencies, including Aiken County Public Schools, with emergency relief funds to address the impact of COVID-19 on elementary and secondary schools across the nation.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

A component of ARP is a requirement that school districts develop a plan for return to in-person instruction and update the plan every six months. The District has requested stakeholder and community input on its Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan as part of the school district's fulfillment of requirements related to the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act. The updated plan represents changes to District COVID-19 protocols that have occurred following the approval of the updated plan in November of 2023.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the school district's updated Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan.

ATTACHMENT:

Updated Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan.

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