

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

October 27, 2015

SUBJECT:

Submission of the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) Preparing College- and Career-Ready Graduates grant

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The General Assembly has provided funding to the State Department of Education to provide the EEDA Preparing College- and Career-Ready Graduates competitive grant opportunity to help districts and schools implement strategies specifically designed to address the academic and career development needs of students with proven academic deficiencies. A cohort of 90 eighth grade students from Aiken Middle School, Busbee-Corbett Middle School, and Ridge Spring-Monetta Middle School will participate in a three-year program that focuses on academic and career development and success. Students from these schools will be selected to participate in this program based on academic, attendance, and behavioral data. Funds from Year One in the amount of \$75,000.00, \$150,000 for Year Two, and \$150,000 for Year Three will be used to focus on moving the cohort closer to graduation and exposing them to career opportunities. A Career Development Facilitator (CDF), two summer intersession periods, academic tutoring, and intensive reading remediation are the key funded elements of the project.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The Division of Instruction and Accountability has evaluated the goals and objectives of this grant and finds them to be consistent with district goals.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the submission of the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) Preparing College- and Career-Ready Graduates grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

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