

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

June 8, 2021

SUBJECT:

Funding Flexibility for the Quarter and Year Ending June 30, 2021

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Under provisos 1.25, 1.30 and 1A.14 for Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021, all school districts and special schools of this State may transfer and expend funds "to ensure the delivery of academic and arts instruction to students." Flexibility guidelines require that each district's board and superintendent certify the specific flexibility actions taken. The certification must be in writing, signed by the board chairman and superintendent, and delivered electronically to the State Superintendent of Education. The SC Department of Education will subsequently forward the information to various legislators and legislative bodies. The certification must be posted on the district's website.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

Budget plans for 2020 – 2021 had the District flexing funds from its EIA Students At Risk of School Failure (Fund 338) allocation to the General Fund to cover the cost of the XSEL program. Those funds are moved in the attached form.

The SCDE typically allows unspent EIA and State grant funds to be carried over for one year. At times, the District must flex unspent allocations to the General Fund to avoid having to repay those amounts back to the State at the end of the carryover period. The SCDE has allowed a second carryover year due to Covid-19 impacts. The flex of \$10,000 for Adult Education is to ensure its use prior to June 30, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the funding flexibility for the quarter and year ending June 30, 2021

ATTACHMENT:

Funding flexibility form for the quarter and year ending June 30, 2021

PREPARED BY:

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District Name: Aiken

Financial Flexibility (provide additional forms as necessary)

SCDE Receipt:
Quarter: 1 2 3 4

Transfer From (Include Program name and sub-fund *)	Current Allocation Amount	Carryover Amount	Total	Transfer Amount (up to 100%)	Transfer to (Include Program name and sub-fund)
338-Students at Risk	\$2,502,713.62	\$2,451,598.00	\$712,533.00	\$712,533.00	100-General Fund
356-Adult Education	\$625,205.69	\$282,897.70	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	100-General Fund

* The appropriations excluded from this flexibility are listed in the Flexibility/Furlough/Expenditure Reporting Procedures in #5.

EXCLUDE NBC Salary Suppl - 3532, Teacher of the Year - 3533, Technical Assistance (State Priority Schs) - 3571, Teacher Supplies - 3577, Aid to Dist - Special Ed - 3585, EEDA Supplies and Materials - 3595, EEDA Career Spec - 3596, Science Kit Refurbishment - 3526, Industry Certifications/Credentials - 3528, and Career and Technology Education - 3529.

NOTE: No funds provided specifically to assist districts in the Abbeville Law Suit are flexible. No funds received in accordance with the terms of a signed MOA should be flexed. (i.e. Reading Coaches, HSTW)

***Staffing Flexibility/Maximizing Resources (provide additional information as necessary)**

(1) Our district delayed the following number of teacher contracts:

0

(2) The following number of contracts were not renewed

2

(3) Our district negotiated the following number of retiree salaries

0

(4) Our district furloughed teachers the following number of days

0

(5) Our district furloughed administrators the following number of days

0

(6) **Our district has suspended the following noninstructional/nonessential programs for the 2020-2021 school year.

Continuation - re-purposed various district level positions to school level, regularly evaluate

vacancies for need to fill; maintained various non-instructional cuts from past years

District Approval: The signatures below certify that this action was approved at a regularly scheduled school board meeting.

Board Chair Signature:

Date: 6/8/2021

Superintendent Signature:

Date: 6/8/2021

Completed by: (please print)

Date: 6/8/2021

Contact Phone No:

M.O. "Tray" Traxler III, CFO

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**** Proviso 1.25 - states that districts with suspended non-instructional/nonessential programs must present certifications publicly (regular school board meeting and the district website. Refer to Provisos 1.23, 1.30, 1.43, 1.49 and S.C. Code Ann. § 23-3-535(F)(1)(b) and SECTION 59-18-900 for additional district website posting requirements.**

For Additional Information Visit: <https://ed.sc.gov/about/chief-operating-officer-executive-offices/chief-information-office/total-quality-management/district-web-requirements/>