

## **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**May 10, 2022**

### **SUBJECT:**

Head Start / Early Head Start Program Application for Quality Improvement Funding

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The school district was approved for a five-year Head Start/Early Head Start grant in May of 2020, and the 5-year project period began on July 1, 2020, and extends through June 30, 2025. Governing bodies have a legal and fiscal responsibility to administer and oversee the agency's Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION**

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 included an increase for Head Start of approximately \$289 million over the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 level. This includes a Quality Improvement Investment funding award of \$21,578 for the Head Start / Early Head Start Programs in Aiken County Public Schools.

Funds from this grant will be used to hire a Family Advocate to be assigned to Wagener Early Learning Center to support the relocation of 17 HS children from the Barnwell ELC to the Wagener ELC, which would result in a total caseload of 34 HS children.

The administration has reviewed the plan for the use of these funds and finds it to be consistent with district goals and federal grant guidelines and regulations.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the Quality Improvement Funding Grant Application

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