

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

March 11, 2014

SUBJECT:

Additional FY14 Title II Improving Teacher Quality Funds

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The State Department of Education has allocated an additional \$29,879.52 to Aiken County Public School District for Title II, Part A, "Preparing, Training, and Recruiting High Quality Teachers and Principals." The purpose of Title II is to increase student academic achievement through strategies such as improving teacher and principal quality while also increasing the number of highly qualified teachers in the classroom and highly qualified principals and assistant principals in schools.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The school district conducted an annual needs assessment with the assistance of the Title II Constituency Committee (a group of district staff, school administrators, teachers, private and charter school representatives, and community members) to examine all activities and professional development that can help ensure a highly qualified teaching force.

The Title II FY14 project includes continuing the funding of recruitment, retention and advancement efforts to ensure the district has a highly qualified teaching force. The project also includes the funding of administrator, instructional coach, and teacher professional development specifically designed to improve instructional strategies. These additional funds will be used to expand the professional development opportunities provided for principals and teachers in our district.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the adjustments to the FY2014 budget to reflect these additional funds, authorized expenditures, and implementation of the Title II program.

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