

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

September 9, 2014

SUBJECT:

Title III Allocations for English Language Acquisitions, FY15

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Aiken County Public School District has received \$115,649 from the State Department of Education through the U.S. Department of Education's No Child Left Behind Act to supplement its Title III English Language Acquisition Program. The purpose of this English Language Acquisition Program is to assist state education agencies (SEAs) and local education agencies (LEAs) in providing supplementary educational services and offsetting costs for English as a second language students enrolled in elementary and secondary schools.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The funds awarded will be used for piloting an after school program for LEP students scoring "Not Met" in ELA and/or math on PASS 2014, an ESOL endorsement course, staff development opportunities with an emphasis on ESOL curriculum strategies, annual subscriptions to Rosetta Stone, and parent involvement opportunities and communications. Additionally, one ESOL partner teacher will be employed. The partner teacher's duties will include supporting schools with Title III compliance requirements, providing professional development for ESOL and regular classroom teachers, developing and delivering model lessons, developing language acquisition strategies for classroom teachers, and serving as a resource for ESOL and regular classroom teachers.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the grant award in the amount of \$115,694 adjustments to the FY15 Fund 2 Budget to reflect the amount of the award and expenditures and implementation of the program.

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