

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

May 8, 2012

SUBJECT:

2012-2013 School Improvement Funds

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

According to No Child Left Behind's "LEA and School Improvement, Non-Regulatory Guidance," specific technical assistance responsibilities regarding school and district improvement include the state's reservation and allocation of Title I, Part A funds to support school improvement activities. These school improvement funds are allocated directly to districts for the implementation of strategies noted in school improvement plans and/or recommendations identified to improve student academic achievement in schools identified as "Needs Improvement." Aiken County's allocation for this purpose is \$395,918.00.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The Division of Instruction and Accountability developed a plan to address specific strategies based on needs assessments and school improvement plans. The schools included are Aiken Middle, Aiken Performing Arts Academy, Lloyd Kennedy Charter, Langley Bath Clearwater Middle, Paul Knox Middle, Ridge Spring Monetta Elementary/Middle, and Schofield Middle. The funds allocated will be used to fund all or part of the salaries for school-based curriculum coaches and professional development on instructional strategies.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the submission of the request for school improvement funds to the State Department of Education and the implementation of school improvement strategies for the 2012-2013 school year.

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