

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

MARCH 24, 2015

SUBJECT:

2014-2015 Title I Focus Funds

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

According to the Elementary and Secondary Act Waiver submitted by the state of South Carolina to the US Department of Education and approved on July 19, 2012, schools that have significant achievement gaps among subgroups are classified as Focus Schools. These schools were required to develop a Challenge to Achieve Plan to address achievement gaps, and \$63,500 per school was allocated to implement strategies based on school needs. Aiken Elementary, Clearwater Elementary, North Aiken Elementary, and Paul Knox Middle are Focus Schools.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The Division of Instruction and Accountability worked with school administration and Title I planning teams to develop strategies to address identified needs. Funds will be used to fund technology, training on understanding children from poverty, certified tutors, a summer "Get a Head Start" program, and a STEM enrichment class.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the use of the Title I Focus funds and the implementation of the strategies for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years.

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