

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

June 26, 2012

SUBJECT:

Clemson University's Youth Learning Institute grant application – FY13

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Clemson University plans to submit an application to the US Department of Health and Human Services for a "Youth Empowerment Program" grant in the amount of \$50,312. If awarded, the Youth Learning Institute at Clemson University will partner with Aiken County Public School District who has identified North Aiken Elementary School to serve as the recruitment site for a cohort of 50 students from the 5th grade. Students from North Aiken Elementary will progress in year 2 to Aiken Middle and then Aiken High School, where in five years the cohort will be ninth graders. At each school, an in-house educational liaison will oversee the cohort's academic and behavioral progress and work closely with the YEP Director to communicate between school, parents and YEP instructors. During the five-year program, the cohort of students will receive programs on health disparity issues and participate in academic and cultural enrichment, career planning, college preparation, job skills development, and wellness and physical activity programs.

Aiken community partners will include the YMCA, Cumbee Center, Aiken Center, Police Athletic League, Helping Hands, Aiken Regional Hospital and Aiken Parks and Recreation.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

The Division of Administrative Services has evaluated the goals and objectives of the grant opportunity and has found them to be consistent with the District's educational goals.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve participation with Clemson University in the Youth Learning Institute grant-FY13.

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