

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

November 17, 2020

SUBJECT:

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Grant Funding – Round 2

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law. Congress set aside approximately \$13.2 billion of the \$30.75 billion allotted to the Education Stabilization Fund for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund. On May 12, 2020, the school board approved the use of the school district's allocation of \$6,671,792 to purchase technology to implement a 1:1 digital learning initiative for students in grades 6-12.

Pursuant to Section 4, Spending Directive Number 5, of Act 154 (R 170), signed into law by Governor McMaster on September 25, 2020, unused and available funding allocated for school districts was reallocated on a per pupil basis. Aiken County Public Schools will receive an additional \$2,463,964 in Coronavirus Relief Funds. Funds must be expended by September 30, 2021.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

Administration would like to expand the reach of the 1:1 technology initiative to students in grades 5K-5th grade using the monies from round 2 of CARES grant funding.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve the administration to move forward with applying for CARES Act funding – round 2 for the use of technology to expand the 1:1 digital learning initiative for students in grades 5K-5th.

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