

## **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**August 23, 2016**

### **SUBJECT:**

FY17 Application for Title II, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The State Department of Education has projected an allocation of \$883,608.48 to Aiken County Public School District for Title II, Part A, "Preparing, Training, and Recruiting High Quality Teachers, Principals, and Other School Leaders." The purpose of Title II is to increase student achievement consistent with the challenging State academic standards; improve the quality and effectiveness of teachers, principals, and other school leaders; and increase the number of teachers, principals, and other school leaders who are effective in improving student academic achievement in schools

### **ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:**

The school district conducted an annual needs assessment with the assistance of the Title II Constituency Committee (a group of district staff, school administrators, teachers, private and charter school representatives, and community members) to examine activities and professional development to ensure an effective teaching force.

The Title II FY17 project includes recruitment, retention and advancement efforts to ensure the district has an effective teaching force; administrator and teacher professional development specifically designed to improve instructional strategies; and seven teachers to reduce first grade class sizes in the highest poverty elementary schools.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the submission of the Title II application to the State Department of Education, adjustments to the FY2017 budget to reflect authorized expenditures and implementation of the program.

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