

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

September 24, 2019

SUBJECT:

Funding Flexibility for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2019

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Under provisos 1.25, 1.30 and 1A.14 for Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020, all school districts and special schools of this State may transfer and expend funds "to ensure the delivery of academic and arts instruction to students" with certain limitations. Among the requirements, each district's board and superintendent must certify the specific flexibility actions taken. The certification must be in writing, signed by the board chairman and superintendent, and delivered electronically to the State Superintendent of Education. An electronic copy must be sent to the SC Department of Education which will subsequently forward the information to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee. The certification must be posted on the district's website.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

At its July 16, 2019 meeting, the Board unanimously approved agenda item C-6 which provided year one funding for the PowerSchool Performance Matters Assessment Platform. The year one cost is \$179,159.45. The Board approved flexing State EIA At-Risk funds to cover the costs.

This current agenda item is presented to formally flex the funds and report the activity to the SCDE in the required format.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the funding flexibility form for the quarter ending September 30, 2019

ATTACHMENT:

1. Funding flexibility form for the quarter ending September 30, 2019
2. Copy of July 16, 2019, agenda item C-6

PREPARED BY:

M. O. Traxler III

District Name: Aiken

Financial Flexibility (provide additional forms as necessary)

Transfer From (Include Program name and sub-fund *)	Current Allocation Amount	Carryover Amount	Total	Transfer Amount (up to 100%)	Transfer to (Include Program name and sub-fund)
338 - Students at Risk	2,629,198.28	2,234,828.00	179,159.45	179,159.45	100 - General Fund

EXCLUDE - NBC Salary Suppl - 3532, Teacher of the Year - 3533, Technical Assistance (State Priority Schs) - 3571, Teacher Supplies - 3577, Aid to Dist - Special Ed - 3585, EEDA Supplies and Materials - 3595, EEDA Career Spec - 3596, Science Kit Refurbishment - 3526, Industry Certifications/Credentials - 3528, and Career and Technology Education - 3529.

NOTE: No funds provided specifically to assist districts in the Abbeville Law Suit are flexible. No funds received in accordance with the terms of a signed MOA should be flexed. (i.e. Reading Coaches, HSTW)

*Staffing Flexibility/Maximizing Resources (provide additional information as necessary)

- Our district delayed the following number of teacher contracts: 0
- The following number of contracts were not renewed 5
- Our district negotiated the following number of retiree salaries 0
- Our district furloughed teachers the following number of days 0
- Our district furloughed administrators the following number of days 0
- **Our district has suspended the following noninstructional/nonessential programs for the 2019-2020 school year. Continuation/Re-purposed various district level positions to schools; maintained various non-instructional cuts from past years; regularly evaluate non-instructional vacancies for need

District Approval: The signatures below certify that this action was approved at a regularly scheduled school board meeting.

Board Chair Signature: _____ Date: 9-24-19
 Superintendent Signature: _____ Date: 9-24-19
 Completed by: (please print) M.O. Traxler III
 Contact Phone No: (803)641-2437

** Proviso 1.25 - states that districts with suspended non-instructional/nonessential programs must present certifications publicly (regular school board meeting and the district website. Refer to Provisos 1.23, 1.30, 1.43, 1.49 and S.C. Code Ann. § 23-3-535(F)(1)(b) and SECTION 59-18-900 for additional district website posting requirements. For Additional Information Visit: <https://ed.sc.gov/about/chief-operating-offices-executive-offices/total-quality-management/district-web-requirements/>

BOARD AGENDA ITEM
July 16, 2019

SUBJECT:

PowerSchool Performance Matters Assessment Platform

BACKGROUND:

In 2015, Aiken County Public Schools implemented an online assessment platform to provide teachers specific data on students' progress toward mastering South Carolina Standards and to give students experience in a time bound testing format. With an emphasis on formative assessment and Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) to make data-driven instructional decisions, teachers needed a flexible assessment platform that allows them to tailor assessments to the South Carolina standards and collaboratively analyze results.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The current online assessment contract will end during the 2019-20 school year. As part of the PowerSchool Unified Systems implementation, administration recommends that the board approve a transition to PowerSchool's assessment platform, Performance Matters Assessment.

The five-year cost for the current system was \$1,072,000 or an average of \$214,400 per year. Performance Matters assessment has a year one cost of \$179,159.45, which includes training and implementation. At Risk funds will be flexed to cover those year one costs. Ongoing annual costs thereafter will be \$143,824.48.

In addition to the cost savings, Performance Matters Assessment will integrate with other PowerSchool functions, including PowerTeacher, to improve usability for teachers and administrators.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the transition to PowerSchool Performance Matters Assessment Platform for Benchmarking and Formative Assessment

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