

## **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**July 15, 2014**

### **SUBJECT:**

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Grant Submission - FY15

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The South Carolina Department of Education makes grants subject to available funds to local educational agencies (LEAs) for the purpose of facilitating the enrollment, attendance, and success of homeless children and youths in schools. In January 2002, the No Child Left Behind Act reauthorized the McKinney Act, now the McKinney-Vento Act, which provides grants of up to \$50,000 to assist LEAs in providing services to homeless school-aged children in South Carolina. Many of these children live in shelters or transitional housing; some stay with relatives; others may live in cars, abandoned buildings, or other precarious accommodations.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:**

The Aiken County School District is proposing to submit a grant for up to \$50,000 to serve identified homeless students for the 2014-2015 school year, which may be used to provide school supplies, clothing and personal items, and books. School guidance counselors and Title I Student Service Workers will assist in identifying and serving homeless students who meet the McKinney-Vento guidelines. If awarded, the agencies anticipated to collaborate in the FY15 grant will be Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, the Cumbee Center, Salvation Army Shelter, and the Graniteville Recreation Center. Collaborating agencies may provide after-school/summer tutoring and other services to identified students.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the submission of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Grant of \$50,000; adjustments to the FY15 Fund 2 Budget to reflect the amount of the grant and the expenditures; and implementation of the program.

### **PREPARED BY:**

King Laurence  
Jeanie Glover