

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**  
**August 26, 2025**

**SUBJECT:**

Submission of the Application for Allocation of School Safety Priority Funds – Aiken County Public School District – FY26

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Proviso 1.77 of The FY 2025-2026 Appropriations Act has authorized the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) to distribute up to \$20,000,000 to public school districts and charter school districts to make upgrades aligned with school safety priorities. Aiken County Public School District will be applying for \$562,843.56.

This grant proposal seeks funding for:

- 1) **Redcliffe Elementary School Vestibule: \$236,000.00**
- 2) **J. D. Lever and Redcliffe elementary Door Lock Project: \$76,843.56**
- 3) **Window Film Installation Project: \$250,000**  
Install 4500 sq. ft. security-grade window film across multiple school sites identified during site assessments.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:**

The Division of Operations and Student Services has evaluated the goals and objectives and finds them to be consistent with district goals.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the submission of the Application for Allocation of School Safety Priority Funds Grant application and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

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