

## BOARD AGENDA ITEM

February 22, 2022

### SUBJECT:

The School Garden and Education Assistance Program Grant Award to A. L. Corbett Middle School – FY22

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A.L. Corbett Middle School has been awarded the School Garden and Education Assistance Program Grant, sponsored by the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) and administered by Clemson Extension's School Gardening for SC Educators. The goal of the program is to introduce children to hands-on agriculture and nutrition education as well as encourage public schools to use locally grown South Carolina produce in their school menus.

Each awarded school will receive:

- An all-inclusive school garden kit (soil, plants, seeds, tools, etc.) to be delivered to the school for the purpose of growing fruits, vegetables, and/or flowers
- A hands-on training workshop for the awardee's garden team as well as an online training course
- *The Garden Stem: Curriculum for your Garden Classroom* (K-8 agriculture and nutrition-based lesson plans customized to South Carolina teaching standards)
- *Seasonal Planting Guide and Calendar for School Gardens*
- Technical Assistance throughout the project duration

### ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The Division of Instruction has evaluated the goals and objectives and finds them to be consistent with district educational goals.

### RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the School Garden and Education Assistance Program Grant Award to A. L. Corbett Middle School and the receipt of items and training as outlined in the grant.

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