

## **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**March 8, 2011**

### **SUBJECT:**

21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant Applications, FY12

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

North Aiken Elementary School plans to submit an application to the South Carolina Department of Education for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant in the amount of \$200,000. If awarded, the grant will be used to provide academic enrichment opportunities for children attending the high-poverty school, enable students to meet state and local standards in core academic subjects, offer students a broad array of enrichment activities that can complement their regular academic programs, and offer literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children.

Public school districts, individual public schools, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, other public or private organizations, or a combination of two or more such organizations are eligible to apply for these funds. The grants may be awarded for up to four years and grant funds may be used to provide before-school, after-school, and summer school activities that advance student academic achievement.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

The Division of Administrative Services has evaluated the goals and objectives of the grant opportunity and has found them to be consistent with the District's educational goals.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the submission of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant application for North Aiken Elementary for FY12.

### **PREPARED BY:**

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