

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

June 21, 2011

SUBJECT:

Neglected and Delinquent Application – FY 2011-2012

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Public Law 107-110, Title I, Part D: Prevention and Intervention Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Neglected, Delinquent, or At-Risk is designed to support the operation of local educational agency programs that involve collaboration with locally operated correctional or residential facilities (1) to carry out high quality education programs to prepare children and youth for secondary school completion, training, employment, or further education; (2) to provide activities to facilitate the transition of such children and youth from the correctional program to further education or employment; and (3) to operate programs in local schools for children and youth returning from correctional facilities and programs which may serve at-risk children and youth. Aiken County Public School District's allocation is \$46,831.00.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

This allocation was generated and based on the October 2010 count of students residing at Helping Hands, Inc. of Aiken. As such, the school district consulted with Helping Hands, Inc. for the development of a plan to address the educational needs of students residing at the facility, to coordinate health and social services for students residing at the facility as well as for other at-risk students, to address the needs of students returning from correctional facilities, and to improve and/or expand dropout prevention initiatives.

The resulting program provides a student services worker to focus on the priorities listed above, and it allows for more targeted and quality services including GED preparation and credit recovery for students at Helping Hands, Inc., as well as other at-risk students in the district. Services are designed to assist in the transition of children and youth to the school environment, to help identified students remain in school in order to complete their education; to provide dropout prevention programs that serve at-risk children and youth, including pregnant and parenting teens; and to coordinate health and social services for such individuals.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the submission of the Neglected and Delinquent application to the State Department of Education and the implementation of the program for the 2011-2012 school year.

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