

## **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**August 27, 2013**

### **SUBJECT:**

Renewal of Emergency and Outreach Calling System

### **BACKGROUND:**

Schools and the District have been using an emergency and outreach calling system, originally called "AlertNow". but currently referred to as "Blackboard Connect 5" since 2006. In recent years, the district has used and continues to use the system to broadcast emergency school closings. In addition, the majority of schools use the system for communication to parents and students regarding school events and activities on a regular basis.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:**

In accordance with procurement guidelines, in order for the school district to continue the use of Blackboard Connect 5.0 beyond the 2012-2013 school year, the Aiken County School Board 's approval is required. The approval will allow the renewal of the Emergency and Outreach calling system currently in place for schools and the district for the next two years ( 2013-2014 and 2014-2015).

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the use of Blackboard Connect Emergency Calling System for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school year.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

none

### **PREPARED BY:**

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