

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

July 29, 2025

SUBJECT:

S.C. Department of Education High-Intensity Tutoring Grant Award – Aiken County Public School District - FY26

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

South Carolina Proviso 1A.72 (High-Intensity Tutoring) authorized the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) to provide funds to school districts and community partners to pilot academic support programs providing high-dosage, low-ratio tutoring to students in mathematics and reading by compensated tutors. Aiken County Public School District (ACPSD) was chosen to participate in the pilot during the 2024-2025 school year.

ACPSD was notified recently that the district was awarded the High Intensity Tutoring (HIT) grant again for the 2025-2026 school year. The grant, in the amount of \$1,472,760.00, will be used to continue activities included in the initial grant along with extending tutoring/remedial activities to the middle and high school levels. Funds will be used for a variety of services including, but not limited to, the purchase of educational technology software, professional development, instructional materials, student supplies, and extra duty pay beyond the regular school day.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the S.C. Department of Education High-Intensity Tutoring Grant Award to Aiken County Public School District in the amount of \$1,472,760.00 and the receipt of funds and adjustment to the FY26 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the grant award and expenditures.

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