

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

February 11, 2020

SUBJECT:

Submission of the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) Preparing College- and Career-Ready Graduates Competitive Grant Application – FY21

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Aiken County Public School District would like to submit an application to the SC State Department of Education for the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) Preparing College- and Career-Ready Graduates Competitive Grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 which is renewable for up to four years. The grant is designed to help schools implement evidence-based strategies and/or models specifically designed to address the academic and career development needs of students with proven academic deficiencies so that, upon completing high school, these students will possess the world class knowledge, world class skills, and life and career characteristics of the *Profile of the South Carolina Graduate*.

The program will provide eligible at-risk students who have not been successful in a traditional high school program with rigorous, personalized learning opportunities ensuring their future success as productive citizens who will make meaningful contributions to society. Highlights of the proposed program include web-based instruction allowing students to earn high school credit; individualized pacing and course selection; school counselor support to assist students with goal setting based on academic, career, and social/emotional needs; mentor support; and community partnerships to ensure that all students are receiving supports needed for success.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the submission of the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) Preparing College- and Career-Ready Graduates Competitive Grant application and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

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