

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**August 8, 2023**

**SUBJECT:**

Submission of the South Carolina Department of Education Stronger Connections Subgrant Application for Aiken County Public School District – FY-24

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Instructional Services Division of Aiken County Public School District is requesting to submit a grant application to the South Carolina Board of Education- Stronger Connections Subgrant Program in the amount of \$25,000 per year for two years (\$50,000.00 total). The purpose of the 2023-2025 Stronger Connections Subgrant Program is to provide students with safer and healthier learning environments and fund activities allowable under section 4108 of the ESEA. If awarded, the funds will be used to develop, implement, and evaluate comprehensive programs. The South Carolina Board of Education grants provide funds for two-year projects. The minimum grant award is \$50,000 and maximum is \$350,000 for two years which will be used for artist-in-residencies, professional development, arts-based fieldtrips, instructional supplies, and intercession activities.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the South Carolina Board of Education Stronger Connections Subgrant Program Grant application submission in the amount of \$25,000 per year for two years (\$50,000.00 total), and receipt of funds and adjustment to the FY24 and FY25 Special Revenue Funds to reflect the amount of the grant if awarded.

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