

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

September 8, 2026

SUBJECT:

Submission of South Carolina Department of Education Innovation Grant Application by A.L. Corbett Middle School, Byrd Elementary School, Chukker Creek Elementary School, Mossy Creek Elementary School, North Augusta Elementary School, and Wagener-Salley High School– FY27

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A.L. Corbett Middle School, Byrd Elementary School, Chukker Creek Elementary School, Mossy Creek Elementary School, North Augusta Elementary School, and Wagener-Salley High School would like to submit an application to the South Carolina Department of Education Innovation Grant in the amount of \$120,714.00. The Innovation grant is funded by the South Carolina Department of Education and supports innovative pilot initiatives in public school districts and schools. The grant aims to raise student achievement and to ensure that all students are prepared to graduate, prepared for college, and prepared to be career and civic ready. The monies from the Innovation Grant will be used to strengthen the Leader in Me program at five schools and will enable our District to launch the program at Wagener-Salley High School for the first time. The Leader in Me program is based upon the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People and will help students in grades K-12 develop future-readiness skills to thrive in school and post-graduation. Funding will provide extra materials and support to optimize academic instruction, School and District culture, and student and staff wellness.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Aiken County Public School District's submission of the application for the South Carolina Department of Education Innovation Grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

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