

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

October 13, 2026

SUBJECT:

Submission of META: The Future is For Everyone- Aiken Data Center Grant by The Aiken County Public School District Division of Instruction- Fine Arts Department– FY27

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Aiken County Public School District Division of Instruction would like to submit an application to the META: The Future is For Everyone- Aiken Data Center Grant in the amount of \$25,000.00. The purpose of this grant is to support the continued growth of the ACPSD Youth Strings Academy. Funds will be used to purchase violins and provide salary for a qualified strings instructor, increasing access to high-quality music education for elementary students. The program has expanded to 7 elementary schools, providing students with opportunities to develop musical skills, creativity, confidence, discipline, and collaboration. This investment will help ACPSD fine arts remove financial barriers and ensure more students have access to meaningful arts education experiences.

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 Division of Instruction- Fine Arts Department's submission of the application for the META: The Future is For Everyone- Aiken Data Center Grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

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