

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

May 12, 2026

SUBJECT:

Public Education Partners (PEP) of Aiken County STEM Kit Initiative Grant
Award to the Aiken County Public School District – FY26

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Aiken County Public School District has received a grant award of \$19,430.91 from the Public Education Partners (PEP) of Aiken County to support the 4th Grade PEP STEM Kit Initiative. The initiative provides classroom-ready STEM kits aligned to the 4th grade science standards, along with in-depth professional development at key points throughout the school year. Funds will be used to purchase STEM kit equipment, materials and supplies to be used in the classroom. The program will be initiated at the following twelve elementary schools:

Busbee, Byrd, Clearwater, Graniteville, Greendale, Jefferson, J.D. Lever, North Aiken, North Augusta, Oakwood-Windsor, Redcliffe, and Ridge Spring-Monetta.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Public Education Partners (PEP) of Aiken County - STEM Kit Initiative Grant Award in the amount of \$19,430.91 to Aiken County Public School District and adjustments to the FY26 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the grant donation and expenditures.

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