

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**  
**February 13, 2018**

**SUBJECT:**

Submission of NBC's R.I.S.E. America Project Grant sponsored by the Educational Theater Foundation and NBC by South Aiken High School Drama Club - FY19

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The South Aiken High School Drama Club is requesting to submit a \$10,000.00 grant application to NBC's R.I.S.E. America Project (Recognizing and Inspiring Student Expression) that will enhance or revitalize their theater program. The winning schools can use the grant money to cover various critical needs, including master classes and production expenses." These funds will allow the Drama Club to:

- attend a Broadway Classroom (master class taught by a New York City theater professional) in New York City as well as see a Broadway show;
- participate again this year in the South Carolina Theater Association High School Festival, which will take place at Anderson University, to build on their success at the 2017 High School Festival;
- replace a row of lights in the auditorium that was taken out when the new lighting system was put in to hide the dark shadows that now appear on the stage;
- renovate the existing light room by putting in a solid platform for use when managing the lighting and sound in the auditorium.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the submission of NBC's R.I.S.E. America Project grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

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