

## BOARD AGENDA ITEM

April 23, 2024

### SUBJECT:

Submission of the S.C. Department of Education (SCDE) Stronger Connections Subgrant Application – Department of Student Services - FY25

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The purpose of the Stronger Connections subgrant program is to provide students with safer and healthier learning environments. Subgrant funds must be used to develop, implement, and evaluate comprehensive programs within high need LEAs, and support only activities allowable under section 4108 of the ESEA. The maximum subgrant period is 15 months from July 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

### ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The Department of Student Services is requesting approval for the submission of the Stronger Connections Grant Application in the amount of \$198,000.00 for the following:

- Mental Health First Aid Training for ACPSD employees: \$22,800.00 (Includes cost for professional development, substitutes for teachers, and training materials.)
- Professional development for counselors on supporting students with grief and trauma while building resiliency skills in students: \$13,000.00 (Includes cost of training and supplies for small group/individual counseling.)
- Provide 4 part-time success coaches to work with repeating ninth graders in four high schools with the greatest need (AHS, SAHS, MVHS, and NAHS): \$162,024.00 (\$160,024.00 for salary and benefits for coaches and \$2000.00 for materials and supplies.)

The Division of Operations and Student Services has evaluated the goals and objectives and finds them to be consistent with district goals.

### RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the submission S.C. Department of Education Stronger Connections Subgrant and receipt of funds, if awarded.

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