

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**June 7, 2011**

***SUBJECT:***

Resolution to Authorize the Issuance of a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN), Series 2011, Not Exceeding \$9,500,000

***BACKGROUND INFORMATION:***

In 2002, the South Carolina Association of Governmental Organizations (SCAGO) was formed to provide school districts the opportunities to take advantage of their combined resources in financial markets. The SCAGO TAN Program is one such opportunity.

***ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:***

Whereas operating expenditures are incurred on a consistent monthly basis, operating revenues are more sporadic. Most property tax revenues are received during the months of December, January, and February. When State allocations, other revenues and the District's fund balance are not sufficient to cover the costs of operations, the District is operating in a deficit. The Administration estimates the 2011- 12 operating deficit will not exceed \$9,500,000 at its low point.

The SCAGO TAN Program has provided the District with a short-term financing option during the past eight years. The District's borrowings via TANs ranged from a low of \$5,500,000 in 2006-07 to a high of \$18,000,000 in 2009-10. For 2010-11, the District borrowed \$11,985,000. Amounts borrowed are largely dependent on the size of the operating budget as well as the size of the General Fund fund balance. TANs are repaid using property tax revenues prior to April 15.

***RECOMMENDATION:***

Approve the resolution to authorize the issuance of a tax anticipation note, Series 2011, not exceeding \$9,500,000.

***ATTACHMENTS:***

1. Proposed Resolution (Complete copy available from the Comptroller's office)

***PREPARED BY:***

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A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A NOT EXCEEDING \$9,500,000 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE, SERIES 2011, OF THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID NOTE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF ITS SC TAN PROGRAM; PRESCRIBING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE NOTE MAY BE ISSUED; PROVIDING FOR THE FORM OF NOTE; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OFFICIALS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE NOTE; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Adopted: June 7, 2011

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