

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**November 19, 2024**

**SUBJECT:**

South Carolina Department of Education – Arts in Education – Arts Enhancement Program (AEP) Grant Award to Aiken Elementary School – FY25

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Aiken Elementary School has been awarded a South Carolina Department of Education Arts in Education Arts Enhancement Program (AEP) Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00. By implementing the Theatre and Dance standards, the school aims to improve student achievement in the visual and performing arts. Through residencies, all students will have access to a complete Arts experience. In order to meet the goals of the project, funds will be used to: 1) cover a musical theatre residency for the 2024-2025 school year, 2) fund online training and registration, hotel and travel expenses for professional development conferences for art, music, media teachers, and 3) pay for classroom subs for teachers to attend conferences and cross-curricular planning.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the South Carolina Department of Education Arts in Education Arts Enhancement Program (AEP) Grant Award to Aiken Elementary in the amount of \$10,000.00, and the receipt of funds and adjustment to the FY25 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the grant award and expenditures.

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