

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

October 13, 2026

SUBJECT:

Submission of META: The Future is For Everyone – Aiken Data Center Grant by the Aiken County Public School District Division of Instruction – FY27

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Aiken County Public School District Division of Instruction would like to submit an application to the META: The Future is For Everyone – Aiken Data Center Grant in the amount of \$106,035.00. The purpose of this grant is to support the continued implementation of Leader in Me at Chukker Creek, Mossy Creek, North Augusta, Wagener-Salley, and Byrd Schools, as well as 4 Disciplines of Execution professional learning for administrators.

Funds will be used to support online subscriptions, professional learning, job-embedded coaching, and curricular materials. Since 2022, the program has supported students and staff in developing leadership practices based on *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. Through this investment, the district seeks to deepen a culture of student empowerment, strengthen staff capacity to implement evidence-based leadership strategies, and align schoolwide goals with measurable outcomes.

The district will also host a District Leadership Day, providing educators from other schools an opportunity to visit participating schools and observe Leader in Me in action. This event will showcase student leadership and schoolwide practices while encouraging collaboration and the sharing of strategies that support leadership development across the district.

The requested funding will enable participating schools to sustain and expand these initiatives, ensuring that leadership development remains an integral component of teaching and learning.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve The Aiken County Public School District Division of Instruction submission of the application for the META: The Future is For Everyone- Aiken Data Center Grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

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