

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

July 14, 2026

SUBJECT:

Submission of SC Arts Commission – Arts in Basic Curriculum Advancement Grant Application by New Ellenton Middle STEAM Magnet – FY27

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

New Ellenton Middle STEAM Magnet would like to submit an application to the SC Arts Commission for the Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) Advancement Grant in the amount of \$12,500.00. This is year one of a three-year arts grant opportunity to provide a comprehensive and sequential arts education. The ABC Advancement grant program is funded by the South Carolina Arts Commission and supports schools committed to implementing standards-based arts curricula and to making the arts an integral part of the basic curriculum and daily classroom instruction. ABC Advancement grants are available to certified ABC Schools, and NEMS completed ABC recertification in May 2026. The monies from the Advancement Grant will be used to fund substitute teachers for teachers to conduct strategic arts integration planning and to attend professional development conferences, to implement arts integration strategies across all content areas, to purchase equipment, supplies and materials for school-wide art and music integration, artists in residence, instrument repair/maintenance, and supplies for an intersession arts enrichment program that connects NEMS students with area elementary students.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve New Ellenton Middle STEAM Magnet School's submission of the application for the SC Arts Commission Education Arts in Basic Curriculum Advancement Grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded.

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