

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

October 13, 2020

SUBJECT:

Amendment to the Head Start/Early Head Start Grant

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On October 22, 2019, the school board approved the submission of the ACPSD Early Head Start/Head Start Grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded. In June 2020, the grant was officially awarded to ACPSD with a start date of July 1 for a five-year grant award. Periodically, grants require amendments due to over/under-estimation of cost estimates or salary projections or when a change in plans has to occur. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the original grant submission occurring almost a year ago, the budget for this grant needs to be amended and requires board approval to do so.

This amendment includes eliminating the cost for three small buses to transport Head Start students. The former grantee transferred ownership of buses used during the prior grant period; therefore, this cost is no longer a need. These funds will be used to install fire alarms at sites in order to meet DSS licensure in a K-12 setting, implement lawn maintenance at facilities, upgrade and/or install security systems, as well as to upgrade the Gloverville Head Start facility located on Lawana Drive. Additionally, funds were included to contract with Barnwell County First Steps to administer both Early Head Start and Head Start in that area. Barnwell County First Steps will only administer the Early Head Start services; therefore, those grant monies will be used to fund salaries and benefits of those employed by ACPSD to provide Head Start services.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The Division of Instruction has reviewed budget amendment request and finds it in alignment with grant goals and programmatic expectations.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the amendment for the use of funds for the Head Start/Early Head Start Program

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