

AGENDA ITEM

May 24, 2016

SUBJECT:

Request to implement a pilot program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The administration of South Aiken High School is requesting permission to implement an individual learning time/structured learning time program.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

This program will allow students to access tutoring from certified teachers during the instructional day. The school will utilize a single 50 minute lunch period for serving students food as well as offering tutoring and time to use computer work stations.

RECOMMENDATION:

South Aiken High School requests permission to implement this pilot program for the 2016-2017 school term subject to review at the conclusion of the year.

ATTACHMENTS:

Narrative outlining key components of the proposal

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This proposal is designed to display South Aiken's desire to provide our students, faculty, and staff with a new opportunity to complement our instruction with integrated tutorial time within the school day. To accomplish this we would like to institute an Individual Learning Time/Structured Learning Time (ILT/SLT) Lunch Period. This ILT/SLT Period would provide all students a period length amount of time to eat lunch, seek tutoring, type papers, and fulfill any other educational responsibilities that in the past have required instructional time or time before and after school.

At South Aiken many of our students who ride our school buses do not have the means to obtain transportation to receive academic assistance before or after school; this truth typically coincides with these same students access to school relevant technology outside of the instructional day. The ILT/SLT will give students who lack the transportation to arrive early and stay late or the technological means an invaluable resource to improve their academic performance.

Implementing the ILT/SLT will require a school wide shift in the mindset of what normal school operations look like as well as extensive student, faculty, and staff training. Also to see the ILT/SLT done in the preferred manner would necessitate a change in the schedule for the Aiken County Career and Technology Center schedule. The schedule change would only affect the 10th Grade exploratory period which currently takes place from 12:00 until 1:00. We would like to see the 10th Grade exploratory period meet 10:20 until 11:20. A thorough explanation of how this change in times is included below along with our outline of how the new schedule will work.

In closing we believe this change in our bell schedule to be what is best for the continued improvement of our students to advance our school from the premier high school in the Aiken County to the premier high school in the state.