

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

March 13, 2012

SUBJECT:

South Carolina Department of Education's South Carolina School Climate Initiative Grants for Midland Valley High School and Wagener-Salley High School - FY12.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Midland Valley High School was awarded a South Carolina School Climate Initiative Grant (\$50,000 per year for three years). These funds will be used for interventions that will address reduction of 9th grade retention rates, increased graduation rates, increased ability to earn credits before entering high school, and increased tutoring and remediation. The funds will also be used to address issues such as bullying, absenteeism and truancy, as well as drug and alcohol awareness.

Wagener-Salley High School was awarded a South Carolina School Climate Initiative Grant (\$50,000 per year for three years). These funds will be used for a research based intervention program that will focus on providing interventions for at-risk students in the areas of academics and behavior, decreasing drop-out rate and increasing graduation rate, decreasing absences, truancy issues and tardies, and improving student achievement, engagement and parental involvement through a formalized mentoring program.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve South Carolina Department of Education's South Carolina School Climate Initiative Grants to Midland Valley High and Wagener-Salley High and adjustments to the FY12 Special Revenue Fund to reflect the amount of the grant and expenditures.

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