BOARD AGENDA ITEM

July 13, 2021

SUBJECT:

Aiken County Public School District (ACPSD) Head Start / Early Head Start Program Carryover Request: 07/01/2020-10/31/2020 | Supplement - COVID-19 One-Time

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The school district was approved for a five-year Head Start/Early Head Start grant in May of 2020, and the 5-year project period began on July 1, 2020 and extends through June 30, 2025. ACPSD was awarded one-time Supplemental - COVID-19 funding in the amount of \$375,251.00 to support one-time actions or activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. The program has expended \$237,314.20 and has a remaining balance of \$137,936.80. Grantees may request a carryover of COVID funds that are within the 5-year project period.

Previously approved activities may include the following: Removal of carpet flooring and replacement with vinyl flooring, purchase partitions for staff offices, purchase and install internet booster packs at centers to support stronger internet connectivity, purchase hot spots for families with no internet access to support virtual learning, re-line parking lot areas at for pedestrian safety/child pick-up and drop off, installation of awning for child pick-up and drop off, purchase non-contact staff & child recruitment items and activities (radio/tv/newspaper ads, promotional items), personal protection equipment.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

Administration has reviewed the requirements of the Head Start/Early Head Start Carryover Balance submission and find them consistent with district goals and policies.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the submission of the Carryover Balance request in the amount of \$137,936.80 to complete one-time actions and activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 as outlined in the previously approved funding application.

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