

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

November 22, 2011

SUBJECT:

Revision of Policy AD – School District Mission – First Reading

BACKGROUND:

The district's mission statement was revised when we updated the district strategic plan in 2009. We neglected to update Board Policy AD at that time.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

Establishing and communicating a vision and purpose for the school system is the first of seven standards for accreditation from AdvancEd, our district accreditation organization. A district's shared vision and purpose should guide the teaching and learning process and the strategic direction of schools, departments, and services.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve on first reading the proposed revision of Policy AD so that our Board Policy and district strategic plan are consistent.

ATTACHMENT:

- 1) Policy AD as amended

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Policy AD School District Mission

Issued 5/01

Purpose: To establish the board's vision for meeting the educational needs of students, employees, business and members of the community.

Vision: Building for a Better Tomorrow, One Child at a Time

~~The mission of the School District of Aiken County is to provide challenging, appropriately focused educational opportunities for our children in a safe school environment by providing facilities and policies for our schools and employees. Our purpose is premised upon providing productive, healthy and self-sufficient citizens to communities, businesses, industries, colleges and universities. Aiken County Public School District is to create in students a passion for learning and achievement that will serve them as they compete and contribute in a global society.~~

An Area of Special Academic Emphasis: Reading achievement at all grade levels (K-12), with special emphasis on direct reading instruction in grades K-3.

Literacy Vision: Aiken County Public Schools demonstrates an unwavering commitment of the educational community to embrace their responsibility for ensuring that each student at any level becomes a successful reader and writer.

Fundamental Values: The Aiken County Public School District will be known for

- Safe learning environments where every student has the opportunity to achieve developmental outcomes at the highest potential,**
- Highly qualified educators and competent support persons who can orchestrate and facilitate exceptional learning outcomes at every level and who continue to grow personally and professionally throughout their careers,**
- Facilities that nurture effective learning practices for all students,**
- A transportation system that is safe, efficient, and accessible to all students,**
- Appropriate use of technology to further learning and to make information management more productive, and**
- An organizational culture that encourages integrity, collegiality, high expectations for student success, student, parental and community engagement, and continuous Improvement.**

~~The district will implement this vision by providing lifelong learning opportunities that will develop the potential of all individuals and thereby improve the quality of life for all citizens of the district.~~

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