

## BOARD AGENDA ITEM

December 6, 2011

### **SUBJECT:**

Revision of Policy AD – School District Mission – Second Reading

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Board approved on first reading the revision to the District's mission statement to coincide with the strategic plan updated in 2009.

### **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:**

Adopt on second 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

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**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 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.

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