

## **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**April 20, 2021**

### **SUBJECT:**

District Strategic Plan

### **BACKGROUND:**

Each school district must develop a five-year district strategic plan, and each school must develop a five-year school renewal plan as required by the Early Childhood Development and Academic Assistance Act of 1993 and the Education Accountability Act of 1998. District and school plans shall coordinate and align improvement initiatives [State Board Regulation 43-261]. As part of a continuous improvement process, each district is required to submit an update to its strategic plan every spring.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:**

The District Strategic Plan is not a static document, but one that provides a framework for moving Aiken County forward over the course of five years. The goals, strategies, and activities contained within the plan, including plans for gifted and talented education and our proficiency-based system, are reviewed and updated continually to meet the changing needs of our students and communities.

This new plan incorporates the strategies and action plans adopted by the school district in its 2016 visioning and strategic planning process. A team of community and school district stakeholders updated those strategies in fall 2018 and spring 2019 to align our mission and beliefs with the state-required strategic plan document.

Districts are permitted to request waivers from any regulation that may create a barrier to implementing activities in the strategic plan. This strategic plan includes the following waivers, which must be approved by this board and submitted to the State Department of Education for further action:

- SBE Regulation 43-205 Teachers teaching more than four (4) preps
- SBE Regulation 43-205 Teachers teaching more than 1500 minutes
- SBE Regulation 43-205 – Waiver Aiken Scholars Academy Library Media Specialist requirement
- SBE Regulation 43-205 – Waiver of Seat Time for Virtual Courses through Full-Time Virtual Program
- SBE Regulation 43-232 and 43-234 – Minutes in a school day/Length of School Day

**ATTACHMENT:**

District Strategic Plan

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the 2019-2024 District Strategic Plan Update 2 and District Waivers included

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