

January 20, 2023 - Board Brief

Gerrita Postlewait and Senior Leadership Team

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COMMUNICATIONS

Strategic Planning Community Meetings

The dates for these meetings designed to get feedback for the strategic planning process have been confirmed and are listed in the graphic below. The Communications team is contracting with Dino Teparro, a Lexington One parent and owner of DT Strategies, Inc. Mr. Teparro will serve as the facilitator of the sessions and is helping the Communications team connect with business and community leaders who will be invited to attend the meetings along with Lexington One employees and families.



Congratulations to Beechwood Middle School:
Six Midlands schools awarded DHEC's Champions of the Environment

HUMAN RESOURCES

We are busy this week preparing for our Teacher Recruitment Fair on Saturday at WKH. At this time, we have 127 registered to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

At the January 10 board meeting, Dr. Powers asked about the percentage of our kindergarten students who attended a district preschool program. In our current kindergarten cohort, 27% of the students were served in a Lexington One general education or special education preschool program. The percentage fluctuates each year, especially based on the number of students who are served in special education

preschool programs. As the district expands preschool offerings, we look forward to increasing the number of kindergarten students who have access to high-quality district preschool programs.

SUPERINTENDENT

I will again be visiting each school this semester - either attending a staff meeting or enjoying classrooms. Here is a snapshot of staff meetings I will attend. (It's difficult to arrange attendance at high school faculty meetings. We will announce "drop-in" time for staff when I'm in the remainder of schools.)

Date	Location/Principal
Thursday, January 12	Beechwood Middle Gloria Jenkinson
Wednesday, January 18	The College Center Brandon Baskett
Monday, January 23	Meadow Glen Elementary Jennifer McNair
Monday, January 30	Oak Grove Elementary Christy Graham
Monday, January 30	River Bluff High Jacob Smith
Monday, February 27	Forts Pond Elementary Marie Watson
Monday, March 13	Lexington Elementary Lori Meyers
Monday, March 20	Saxe Gotha Elementary Beth Houck
Monday, March 27	New Providence Elementary Robert Candillo
Monday, April 10	White Knoll Elementary Elizabeth Whisennant
Monday, April 10	White Knoll Middle Don Hardie
Monday, April 17	Carolina Springs Elementary Todd Brown
Tuesday, April 18	Lexington Technology Center Bryce Myers
Monday, April 24	Pelion Elementary Debbie Poole

Keeping you apprised of General Assembly discussions: [SC Republicans seek constitutional change to allow funding of private, religious schools](#)



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ANNUAL BOARD WORK CALENDAR

Going forward, at the beginning of each month, we'll include the items the board may have to review, adopt, approve or attend for that month. Feel free to review the entire [work calendar](#) at any time. This will be continually updated.

	BOARD ACTION/WORK
J A N U A R Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initiate 5-year Strategic Plan process• Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar 1st reading• Annual Board Work Calendar• Annual Policy Review Process• Strategic Plan Process Review (2023 only)• Attend Employee Recruitment Fair• Budget Workshop• Facilities Workshop

Honoring "Behind the Scenes" Service Workers

"The paramedics/EMT's who saved the young football player's life (Daman Hamlin) make roughly \$17-\$20 an hour. The football players who had to witness this horror were sent home and the game stopped due to stress and possible mental health concerns. The crew that rode the player to the hospital, saved his life. They cleaned up their truck and were put right back in service. No bonus, no time off to process the event, no national recognition for a job well done...because they do it every day. Most work multiple jobs to provide for their families. EMS, Fire, Police, Healthcare Workers...do this everyday. We need to be really thankful that our lives can be saved by those who are just "doing their job". Thank you guys!!!" (Excerpt from Facebook)

FOIA REQUESTS RECEIVED

None

School Board Appreciation

From Governor McMaster: continued recognition for all you do for the district! This will be posted to the district's social media as well.

