

March 3, 2023 - Board Brief

Gerrita Postlewait and Senior Leadership Team

COMMUNICATIONS

Meet-and-Greets at upcoming board meetings

The Communications team is working on plans for Meet-and-Greets between the executive sessions and general sessions of the board meetings on March 21 and April 25. The start of the executive sessions will be adjusted in order to hold the community greet time from 5:30-6 p.m. Information about the Meet and Greets will be shared with employees and families in an upcoming issue of Inside Voice. Members of the School Improvement Councils from all of the schools in the district will receive email invitations from the Board Chair.

FINANCE

CONGRATULATIONS to the Finance Team on receiving ASBO International's Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award (COE) for the FY22 budget report. We appreciate the Finance team and all they do for Lexington One!

Budget Planning

A few board members have inquired about our taxing capacity. Here is the [preliminary index](#) provided to the district from the SC Department of Revenue.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Special Education Parent Advisory Groups

We had a tremendous amount of interest from parents volunteering to serve on the SpEd Advisory Group. In response, we are developing two groups:

- A *Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)*, to meet at least twice a year to provide feedback to the Special Services department regarding student needs and service options;
- *Special Education Parent Collaborative Organization (SEPCO)*, to parent advocacy and training, information, support, and advocacy.
- All parents who have applied have been contacted to choose which of the two groups they would like to be part of. We hope to have the lists finalized within the next 2-3 weeks.

Courtesy Transcript Audit Update

As part of our district's participation in the state department's courtesy audit, Laura McNair provided a 3-hour training Feb. 8 for secondary administrators and school counselors on the state's transcript and Uniform Grading Policy (UGP) requirements. The courtesy (no harm) audit will include the transcripts for 2021-2023 school years along with a review of our school district's policies and procedures related to transcripts, attendance, credit and content recovery, student handbook, course catalog, etc.

CSMS "Schools to Watch" Banner Presentation - March 21st at 2:15 pm. - **Board Invited!**

Carolina Springs Middle School has been designated a national "School to Watch" by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform. The school's strong academics, sensitivity to young adolescents' needs and interests, and commitment to providing all students access to a high-quality education resulted in the well-deserved recognition. As part of the Schools to Watch process, CSMS administrators and staff completed an extensive application and participated in on-site visits and interviews by a Schools to Watch team.

OPERATIONS

Our Maintenance and Facilities staff continues to perform at a very high level of support for our schools and other facilities. Through the end of February we have closed out 3,532 work orders!

STUDENT SERVICES

Human Trafficking Awareness

On March 8th the State Attorney General's Office will visit NLCLC and provide professional development for school counselors, school social workers, and other interested personnel about human trafficking. As part of the Governor's and Attorney General's Office initiative posters are provided free of charge, to be placed in the bathrooms at our secondary schools.



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MOU with Nancy K. Perry Shelter

LCSD 1 has entered into a new agreement with the Nancy K. Perry shelter which now has staff who are licensed mental health professionals. The shelter director requested that these mental health professionals be permitted to provide counseling services during the school day at either WKMS or WKHS, the two schools these shelter students attend. The MOU was approved in accordance with district requirements.

FOIA REQUESTS RECEIVED - None

SUPERINTENDENT

SC Teacher Retention Study

In an effort to explore and better understand the teacher retention challenge in South Carolina, SC TEACHER recently completed a study of school-level factors that influenced one-year and three-year average teacher retention rates in SC. Teacher retention rates were found to be significantly related to teacher salary and working conditions. Results are based on an analysis of state data collected from 1,178 public schools in 88 districts. Link to the [report](#).

Lexington One Education Foundation - Celebration of Excellence - March 6 @ 6:30, RBHS

VEX Robotics State Competition

RBHS is hosting the middle and high school 2023 VEX Robotics State Championship today and tomorrow (Mar .3-4). We wish all the teams luck.

	BOARD ACTION/WORK
M A R C H	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on new 5-year Strategic Plan Plan process• Approval FY'24 Administrator contracts• Budget work• Attend BoardDocs training• March BoardDocs implementation• Policy Approvals• Consider/attend invitations to school events• School visits• Lakeside Middle Dedication (3/2)• Legislative Breakfast (3/28)• ES #18 decision



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