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FINANCE

National Finance Report-SC Case Study pp. 44-48

The report "[Rethinking the Property Tax - School Funding Dilemma](#)" focuses on the roles of the local property tax and state aid in the funding of public education and analyzes their strengths and weaknesses. A key theme is the property tax / school funding dilemma—the challenge of overcoming the drawbacks of both the local property tax and state aid in a way that assures that state school funding systems can finance an adequate education for all students. As for South Carolina, the report states: "The Index of Taxpaying Ability is a measure of the school district's property tax wealth compared with that of other districts (one measure of fiscal capacity). The higher the index for a school district, the less funding it receives. This index has not been revised since Act 388 exempted owner-occupied homes, so it overstates the fiscal capacity of districts" – especially in high-growth districts.

HUMAN RESOURCES

HR held 4 of 12 substitute transition meetings this week in partnership with Kelly Education. During these meetings, representatives from Kelly Education met with current Lex One substitutes to explain the process for transitioning to Kelly Education and the perks included for our current substitutes who join the Kelly Education team. During this meeting, onboarding paperwork is completed to facilitate a transition on April 10.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Childcare Partnership

The district's early childhood team met with staff members from local childcare centers this week. The goal of our collaboration is to form a partnership that will strengthen prenatal to school-age services for Lexington One families. Information was shared about special education and general education preschool programs and services, as well as the programming available at The Parenting Center.

Preschool Changes

We are pleased to share that preschool students with an IEP, who would currently be served in one of our five inclusion preschool classrooms, will attend their zoned school for an inclusive experience next school year. Instructional assistants will be assigned to specific general education 4K classes to provide services and support to students with IEPs in their zoned program. An itinerant preschool special education teacher will provide coaching and support to the 4K general education classroom. We are receiving technical assistance from South Carolina Partnerships for Inclusion. In addition, a Lexington One team has been accepted into the Special Education Itinerant Teacher Academy taking place this summer.

Pelion-Area Schools Showcase - Mar 23, 5-7:00 PM

The Pelion-area schools are excited to bring back this popular event for the Pelion Community. Board members are invited to attend the event on March 23, 5-7 p.m. at Pelion Middle School, 325 Main Street, Pelion. The four Pelion-area schools are planning interactive and informational sessions to highlight the "amazing things going on in 29123!"

LHS "Chalk Day" - Mar 24

The Cat's Paw Yearbook staff is celebrating March as Youth Art Month through a Sidewalk Art CHALK DAY on **Friday, March 24!**

Check out this [interview](#) with Lexington High's **Students in Action (SIA)** group.

OPERATIONS

Reunification Training

The Safety and Emergency Services Department is hosting a school reunification training with the "I Love You Guys Foundation" on March 27 and 28 at NLCLC. This training will certify school and district staff to serve as team leaders in the event of a reunification event.



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The new Lexington One Transportation Facility continues to make progress with final paving and interior work to be completed soon. The required off-site work has started as well as we continue to track towards a Spring 2023 completion.



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Congratulations Lake Murray Elementary!



SUPERINTENDENT

Friday March 17th - Schools and offices are closed for the third and final weather makeup day.

April 3- 7th - Spring Break

Mar 29 Board of Trustees School Visits

8:15 a.m. Deerfield Elementary

9:45 a.m. Pleasant Hill Middle

FOIA REQUESTS RECEIVED - None

S. Berquist 3/14/23: District policy that addresses threats of any kind, whether that be towards the building, students, or faculty and what is noted in regards to ramifications or reprimand.

K. Carter-Jeffcoat 3/15/23: 1) Communication between SLED and Lexington County School District One to include, but not limited to any staff member, student, and board member, including emails from and to sled.sc.gov from March 10, 2021- March 9, 2023 2) Communication between SLED and Lexington County School District One to include, but not limited to any staff member, student,



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