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COMMUNICATIONS

Yesterday an LHS student was exhibiting concerning behavior. Quickly, school administrators, our school resource officers and district security personnel investigated. There was no immediate threat to the school. Following [Board Policy JICDA Code of Conduct](#) and [JICDA-R](#) the student has been suspended and recommended for expulsion. The student is being charged by Lexington County Sheriff's Department.

Published by the Chronicle: [Lexington school district intent on keeping communication lines open about safety](#)

HUMAN RESOURCES

Exit Meeting Process

Many have asked what the exit process looks like in Lexington One. Once the employee has submitted form HR44, the HR process begins, with the employee receiving a notice similar to the one linked [here](#), along with other documents. We give all employees an opportunity to meet in person. Certified employees also have the option to complete an anonymous exit survey. We are currently working through the process of developing an exit survey for support staff as well.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

At the May 16 board meeting, a parent and student shared concerns about the decision not to offer Latin at MGMS next year. Due to ongoing staffing challenges, we are unable to offer Latin at RBHS; thus, MGMS is no longer offering Latin as an option. MGMS will continue to offer Chinese, French and Spanish and RBHS will continue to offer Chinese, French, German and Spanish. LHS, WKMS and WKHS will still offer Latin. A student who wants to take Latin may transfer to those schools. The district remains committed to a robust World Language program.

OPERATIONS

Vape Detectors

We are working with procurement to put out a bid for vape detectors to be installed in middle and high school restrooms. The plan is to use funding from the Juul settlement to fund this effort. The goal is to have the bid process complete so that when funding is available, we can move quickly.

New Transportation Facility - Staff will begin relocating to the new facility on June 6th. District operations and IT staff will provide support for the transition.

School Construction [Executive Summary ES19](#)

SUPERINTENDENT

Reminder: Retirement Banquet is Thursday, May 25, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Lexington Technology Center Multi-Purpose Room.

The new **Director of Procurement** was to have started May 22. Unfortunately for Lexington One, her current district leaders offered her a promotion and pay raise if she agreed to remain with them, so she notified Lex One that she changed her mind about working here. We have reposted the Director of Procurement position.

FPES: The State Department of Education notified us that Supt. Weaver discussed her visit to FPES during the State Board of Education meeting. You can watch that segment of the meeting by clicking on this link: https://youtu.be/Y_-O-2oS1-o?t=388

EVENTS: This has been a busy week of activities across the district. Thank you for attending and showing your support of our student accomplishments. They always enjoy showcasing their work. Special congratulations to our young men and women who have committed to a military branch. Also, we're celebrating our Special Education students



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who have completed their time with Lexington One. We will miss them.

GRADUATION 2023

You received a folder with graduation details. Be sure to review prior to June 3. Feel free to use the attached photo for your social media.



TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

Carts for mobile computing devices (iPads and Chromebooks) are being delivered to elementary schools now. The carts are for all K-4 classrooms. Next school year, student devices will remain in the classroom for students to use in grades K-4. Students will not be taking those devices home unless the teacher requests they do so for a learning activity.

FOIA REQUESTS RECEIVED

K. Carter-Jeffcoat: *Reinstated her requests for SLED/Lex One communications.*