

June 15, 2023 - Board Brief

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COMMUNICATIONS

Sharing good news:

[A Day in the Life of a Graduate](#)
[Wildcat Water Tower](#)

FINANCE

Lexington County School District One along with two S.C. universities and three additional S.C. school districts have been selected to pilot a state contract for job order contracting (JOC)*. The pilot program has a maximum contract term of two years. The district may purchase through state contracts, if it sees a total benefit in using state issued contracts.

A Job Order Contract is an indefinite quantity construction contract which the Contractor may perform on an ongoing series of individual projects at different locations and facilities under the jurisdiction of the agency. Job Order Contracting is typically used for small to medium sized repair and rehabilitation work, replacement in kind projects and minor new construction. Examples of work the district could include, but are not limited to: major roof or HVAC repairs, asphalt resurfacing, track and tennis court resurfacing, window replacement and major athletic field maintenance

**Proviso 117.167 Job Order Contracting Pilot Program: new proviso to authorize SFAA Procurement Services to pilot test a job order contracting method on behalf of one or more governmental bodies or public procurement units by entering into job order contracts to acquire construction services when exact time or quantities of future jobs are not known when the contract is awarded. Authorizes Procurement Services to enter into contracts with up to four businesses for each geographic area for each licensing classification and sub-classification for construction. Directs that an individual project using a job order may not exceed \$500,000.00 and the sum of all individual job orders may not exceed \$4,000,000.00 per contract.*

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Courtesy Transcript Audit

Earlier this year, Lexington One voluntarily participated in a non-punitive, confidential transcript audit to identify any potential issues and violations to the Uniform Grading Policy and State Board of Education Regulations. A representative from the South Carolina

Department of Education (SCDE) conducted the audit and provided follow-up training on a variety of transcript-related topics. As a result of the audit, practices and procedures are being refined to ensure future transcripts are correct. Based on the review, the following issues were identified as areas of improvement and are being addressed to ensure compliance with the SCDE's policies and regulations.

- Failures due to absences (FA) cannot be resolved through Credit Recovery per the Uniform Grading Policy.
- Withdrawn Passings (WP) and Withdrawn Failings (WF) cannot be recovered through Credit Recovery as students have not failed the course nor met the seat time requirements.
- Students failing a course in another state cannot recover the grade through credit recovery.
- Ensure course codes and titles are correct.

The CTE/LTC Administrative Advisory Committee

met this week for its end of year meeting. The [linked presentation](#) provides an overview of the results of the district's career and technical education programs and Lexington Technology Center partnerships and initiatives.

SUPERINTENDENT

End-of-Year Reviews

Annual Review conferences with principals concluded this week. Among a number of things, principals discussed the extent to which their 2022-23 goals were met and will continue to develop target goals and implementation plans for 2023-24.

Innovative Ideas Institute (i3)

Several school and district leaders/teachers will attend the Innovative Ideas Institute Sunday-Wednesday next week. In its 43rd year with over 1700 attendees, this is SC's largest educator conference, focusing on evidence-based best practice, successful approaches to addressing common challenges, and perhaps new regulations or statutory requirements. Some LCSD 1 leaders are presenting sessions at the conference.



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Reminder - The July 18 board meeting is canceled. A short special-called meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 13 at 8:00 am. Please let us know of your availability so we can assure a quorum.

FOIA REQUESTS RECEIVED

Derek A. Shoemake, Connell Law Firm, 6/6/23: *Any relevant written or recorded statements made by the parties involved within the possession, custody, or control of Lexington County School District One and/or Lake Murray Elementary School; and, all video footage relevant to this case, occurring on March 31, 2023, including any handwritten notes taken by any investigating agents. (To our knowledge this matter does not pertain directly to district employees.)*

POLICY INTRODUCTIONS (Board policies that will be presented for first reading will be published here at least two weeks prior to first reading).

[GCC/GDC-R2 Paid Parental Leave](#) - This new law goes into effect on June 26, 2023. We will bring GCC/GDC-R2 to the board for first reading on June 27 and for second reading on July 13. This will be an exception (by one day) to the thirty day rule between the introduction of a policy and final approval. We request the board make an exception to the policy so we may get Policy GCC/GDC-R2 in place quickly.

