January 12, 2024 - Board Brief

Gerrita Postlewait and Senior Leadership Team

COMMUNICATIONS

Second Quarter Report Cards Issued

Report cards were issued on Jan. 11th. Instructions were communicated via ParentSquare to families of middle and high school students on how to access their student's report cards in the Parent Portal. For elementary students, reports are sent home with the students.

FINANCE

Mileage Reimbursement

The federal government (GSA) has adjusted the mileage reimbursement rate. The revised rate has increased to \$0.67 cents per mile, effective Jan. 1. This increase will impact budget projections for travel costs.

HUMAN RESOURCES

TEACHER RECRUITMENT FAIR

JANUARY 20 White Knoll High School

8:30-10:00

Meet & Greet

STARTING AT 9:00

Pre-Scheduled Interviews

We look forward to our board members being able to greet candidates from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

OPERATIONS & STUDENT SERVICES

Bus Cameras

Transportation is working with IT and Finance on procuring new bus cameras. These cameras are part of the district's ESSER budget. We currently have several buses in different attendance areas equipped with new cameras and are conducting trial runs with these devices. We plan to have new cameras installed on all of our state and district buses by the end of June 2024.

SUPERINTENDENT

Monday, January 15, 2024

All schools and district offices are closed on Monday, January 15, 2024 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Winner: SC Best in Business



Devona Price. Chief Human Resources Officer, was 2023 SC Best in Business -Best Human Resource Officer of the Year- Bronze Level, Columbia Business Monthly. Also, Ms. Price is newly chosen to serve as SCASA Personnel Division Membership Chair.

2024-25 Governor's Budget

In case you missed it, <u>here</u> is the Governor's proposed Teacher Salary Schedule. He's suggesting a change from an annual "Step" plan to 3-year salary bands. Currently, 39 of the 73 school districts in South Carolina (including Lexington One) have minimum starting pay below \$45,000. Under the Governor's proposal, starting minimum pay would be required to increase to \$45,000 in these districts. The other 44 districts currently pay a minimum salary at or above \$45,000.

2023 Statement of Economic Interest Report (SEI) -Due date March 30, 2024

It's time to file your annual report with the SC Ethics Commission. The report should be completed electronically using this link. Please let Tracy know if you need assistance.

FOIA REQUESTS RECEIVED

Jada Garris, 1/5/24: Requesting all materials from October 1, 2023 through January 5, 2024 prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by Lexington District One Board members and Lexington District One staff related to Policy BEDH. I am particularly interested in the wrong draft policy that was provided to board members before it was to be submitted to the SCSBA on or about Tuesday, January 2.2024.