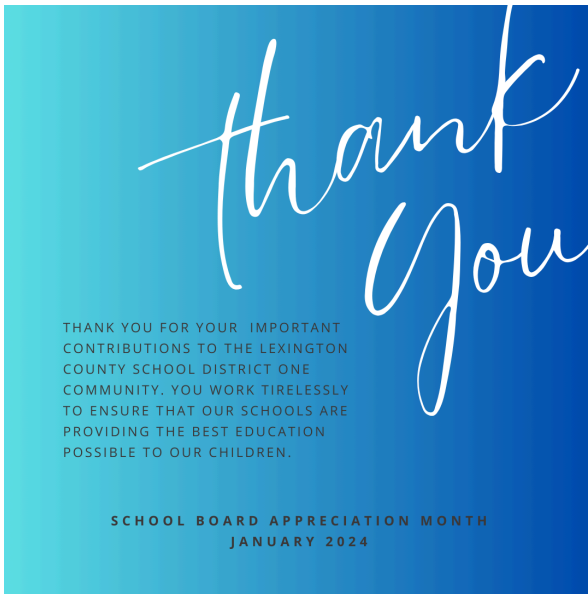


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Collaborative Planning Dates for 2024–2025

Lexington One has drafted the collaborative planning dates for next school year. We will revise the schedule, if needed, when we receive the standardized testing calendar from the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE). As our elementary schools plan to participate in Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) training, it is important for us to establish the collaborative planning dates in time to schedule the training with the SCDE.

- September 25, 2024
- October 23, 2024
- November 20, 2024
- February 5, 2025
- March 5, 2025
- April 2, 2025

COMMUNICATIONS

Coming soon — a new Lexington One website. The Communications Dept. continues to work with Finalsity, the provider of the district's website platform. Our current website uses the platform built by Blackboard, which was bought by Finalsity in the fall of 2022. Finalsity is known for designing websites that provide an unforgettable first impression with creative and accessible designs. We began working with Finalsity to develop a new design for our website in the fall of 2023. The Communications team is now in the process of adding content to the new design with the goal of launching the new site in the spring of 2024.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Teacher Leadership Endorsement Cohort - NEW!

Lexington One is excited to offer teachers the opportunity to earn a Teacher Leader Endorsement. Participants will engage in four graduate courses that will prepare them to serve in leadership roles in schools while remaining classroom teachers. Once the four courses are completed, participants will be eligible to add the Teacher Leader Endorsement to their teaching certificate. Also, the courses can be used to earn credits towards a Bachelor's +18 or Master's +30.

ESSER Amendments

Next week, Lexington One will submit Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III Fund) amendments to the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) for approval. As funding winds down, the district has conducted a thorough review to prioritize spending for the remainder of the grant. Some priorities of the plan were addressed by ESSER I or II funding, which frees up funds to address acceleration of student academic growth and safety improvements. Proposed amendments include the addition of bus cameras, student devices to support the one-to-one initiative, setup fees for the student ID notification system, and moving portables to provide additional classroom space. An overview of the amended budget is accessible [here](#).

SUPERINTENDENT

Scout Motors

As you know, Scout Motors Inc. is establishing its first SC manufacturing plant in Blythewood. The 9 school district superintendents in the Midlands are meeting next week with Scout's organizational leadership team. The purpose of this meeting is to make introductions, receive an update from Scout Motors, discuss their vision to build relationships and support all school districts in the Midlands, and discuss their organizational needs as they get established.



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FOIA REQUESTS RECEIVED

Dana Homesley, 1/12/24: All materials provided to Erin Franey in response to the 7/21/23 request that consists of any contract in effect after calendar year 2021 to date between Lexington County School District One and each of the following: Catapult, Catapult Learning, Graduation Alliance, Stride K12, Academy of Creative Education (ACE), Connections Academy, Fusion Academies, Ombudsman, and; all materials provided to Diana Murray, Richardson Plowden, for the 10/24/23 FOIA request: Requesting copies of public records for construction contracts awarded for services performed at the Gilbert Middle School site on or before January 13, 2022.



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