

February 2, 2024 - Board Brief

Gerrita Postlewait and Senior Leadership Team

"No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow." — Proverb

HUMAN RESOURCES

We have exciting results from our community-wide hiring blitz week. We are working to follow up on over 100 inquiries just from our *Text to Hire Be the One Campaign!* THANK YOU to all who helped showcase our amazing district and employees.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

The College Center Recap (Fall 2023)

TCC scholars had another outstanding semester taking dual enrollment courses. All 27 seniors are on track to earn their associate of arts degrees in Interdisciplinary Studies from MTC.

- Eighty-seven (87) scholars attempted at least two courses during the semester
 - Sophomores: COL 105 and SPC 205
 - Juniors: ENG 102, HIS 201, PHI 115, and SOC 101
 - Seniors: ENG 203, MAT 110, MKT 101, and various electives on the MTC Airport Campus
- Seventy-one (71) out of 87 scholars (82%) earned all attempted credit hours with 88% at or > a C.

CERDEP

The district is submitting a request to the South Carolina Department of Education for the expansion of the Child Early Reading and Development Education Program (CERDEP) to include one additional 4-year-old kindergarten class at Gilbert Elementary. The district is also requesting to make the existing 4-year-old kindergarten class at Carolina Springs Elementary a CERDEP classroom.

In the 2023-2024 school year, the district served 360 students in CERDEP classes at the following schools: Forts Pond Elementary (2 classes), Gilbert Elementary (3 classes), Oak Grove Elementary (2 classes), Pelion Elementary (4 classes), Red Bank Elementary (2 classes), Saxe Gotha Elementary (2 classes), White Knoll Elementary (3 classes).

Math Graduate Course

In the fall we offered a newly designed graduate course, *Teaching Mathematics Developmentally in PreK*

through Fifth Grades. Participants learned about the trends, learning theories, instructional activities, and manipulative materials applicable to mathematics education in the elementary school, emphasizing the importance of ensuring students have opportunities to communicate, collaborate, create and think critically about mathematics. [Check out](#) what teachers had to say about the course. Participation reached maximum capacity in the fall with 25 teachers, and we are thrilled to offer another section of the course this spring.

OPERATIONS & STUDENT SERVICES

Facilities Study

In the fall, as part of the capital projects budget, the board approved a facilities study. Per the district's procurement procedures, the request for proposals for this study is being advertised next week.

School Safety

In partnership with the Lexington Police Department, members of law enforcement agencies from around the state will spend the week at Lakeside Middle for a week-long training—School Shield Safety Training. LMS learning will not be impacted, and normal operations will continue at LMS during the week. As part of the training law enforcement will conduct an assessment of LMS, reinforcing the actions we are taking to keep students and staff safe as well as highlighting potential areas for improvement.

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Y | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● First Reading Strategic Plan● Mid-year student progress report● 2023-2024 Key Performance Indicators● Consider schedule for remaining "B" Policy revisions● SCSBA Annual Convention● New Board Member Orientation (in an election year)● Policy Approvals● 2nd reading/approval of 2024-2025 Board Meeting schedule● Attend school events and other community opportunities |
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JUUL Settlement

The second JUUL settlement payment should be sent on or about Feb. 5, for \$66,105.05. It is for 10.91% of the total settlement payment to our District. The next payment, for an additional 10.91%, will be made in Dec. 2024. The final two payments will be made in Dec. 2025 and Dec. 2026. Please note that separate from the Juul settlement, there will be proceeds from the related settlement with Altria, which will be made in one lump-sum in the second quarter of this year.

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

[Policy GA - Personnel Goals/Priority Objectives](#) -

This is a policy update.

[Policy GBA - Open Hiring/Equal Employment](#)

[Opportunity and Affirmative Action](#) This is a policy update. Complaint procedures are stricken in this portion of the policy due to being covered in policy GCF/GCF-R and GDF/GDF-R.

[Policy GCR - Nonschool Employment of Professional Staff](#)

This is a policy update.

[Policy GDR - Nonschool Employment of Support](#)

[Staff](#) This is a policy update.

[Administrative Rule IHAM-R Health Education](#)

establishes clear guidelines regarding committee member selection and meeting processes for the Comprehensive Health Education Advisory Committee.

[Administrative Rule KNBA-R Complaints About](#)

[Instructional Material](#) is not associated with an existing policy in the Policy Manual and is redundant with policies KEC and KEC-R. Recommend deletion.

FOIA REQUESTS RECEIVED

D. Heim, 1/25/24: Any and all contract(s) for the Curriculum Audit that was presented at the January 23, 2024 board meeting.

