

February 23, 2024 - Board Brief

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COMMUNICATIONS, out

Big news! The mascot for South Lake Elementary is...



- Schools with higher poverty levels had significantly lower teacher retention rates than schools with lower poverty levels.
- Retention rates were more strongly related to principal tenure in elementary and middle schools. The relationship was less pronounced for high schools.

For the overview, click [here](#). This is the link for the [full report](#).

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

10-Year Trend: Changing Demographics

As a follow-up to the information shared during the February 20, 2024 Board of Trustees meeting, the [graph linked here](#) represents how our population of students has increased and changed over the last decade. Included in the graph are students with a Section 504 plan, students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), Multilingual Learners (ML) and Pupils in Poverty. The total enrollment numbers include preschool students.

FINANCE

Index of Taxpaying Ability

The Index of Taxpaying Ability (ITA) tells us what percentage of the total taxable property in the state is in each District. Although Lexington County School District One's ITA remains constant at 1.89%, we have progressed from the 14th to the 12th position in the list of highest ITAs in 2024. [Click here](#) to see ITA for all districts. *As a rule of thumb, generally the higher the ITA, the lower the amount of state funding.*

Upgrading Food Service Equipment

Lexington County School District One is actively addressing the maintenance and replacement needs of food service machinery and equipment. As a result of these ongoing efforts, you may notice additional expenditures reflected in the food service fund.

HUMAN RESOURCES

SC Teacher Retention Research

A majority of Lexington One teachers participated in the SC Teacher survey. Statewide summary results:

- For elementary and high schools, one-year retention rates are recovering from a post-COVID dip. However, middle school rates continued to decline.
- Schools reporting higher satisfaction levels with the learning environment and the social and physical environment had higher retention rates.



Pelion High's Future Farmers of America (FFA) students attended SC FFA Legislator Appreciation Day at the State House and met with the Department of Agriculture. In this meeting with Reps. Ryan McCabe, Paula Rawl-Calhoun, and Cal Forrest students learned how the legislative process works and were briefed on current bills related to agriculture, natural resources and education.

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Gilbert Middle School has been named a Special Olympics National Unified Champion School



School Board Association's conference. Board members' recommendations fell along the lines of those mentioned in [this article](#), such as, "Your community will judge the quality of your schools by the behavior of the board. Give them something to be proud of." Those of us who attended were certainly proud of the Lexington One Board.

2024-2025 Board Meeting Schedule

Two dates were reflected incorrectly on the 2024-2025 schedule. The two spring dates for additional Human Resources approvals should have been April 29, 2025 and May 6, 2025. We will correct this publicly at the next board meeting.

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

[Policy ADF](#) District Wellness for introduction

FOIA REQUESTS RECEIVED (None)

Jada Garris, 2/21/24: All material related to the presentation given by the Lexington One School Board presented at the S.C. School Boards' Association Conference on 2/17/24 titled "Putting the Family Back in the Family Feud" from August 2023–February 21, 2024.

OPERATIONS & STUDENT SERVICES

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Transportation - Board Bus "Roadeos"

The board bus "roadeos" were very well received by the drivers and transportation staff. If you were unable to participate, please contact Clark Cooper, who will work with Will Hall to arrange for you to ride a bus.

Congrats - Gilbert Wrestling Team

GHS wrestlers finished the season as SC's AAA runner up. They lost in the state finals to powerhouse West Oak.

SUPERINTENDENT

Law Center Students to National Competition

River Bluff High School's Level 2 Law Center students, and other members of the *We the People* team, won the state level *We the People* competition in December. They will travel to Washington, DC in April to participate in the national competition, where students will showcase their knowledge of the US Constitution as well as other aspects of US History and Government.

Lex One Board Presents at SCSBA

We have received many positive comments regarding the Board's Feb 17 presentation at the South Carolina



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