

# March 8, 2024 - Board Brief

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## COMMUNICATIONS

**WLTX Recognizes Pelion Middle School Teacher Meshia Gantt as WLTX Teacher of the Week**  
[\(Video\)](#)

### **Special MARCH Observations**

Middle Level Education Month  
Music in Our Schools Month  
National Athletic Training Month  
National Nutrition Month  
Women's History Month  
Youth Art Month  
National Social Work Week in Mar.  
Severe Weather/Flood Safety Week  
National School Breakfast Week

## FINANCE

### **Financial and Procurement Audit Services Selection Committee Meeting**

The Financial and Procurement Audit Evaluation Committee is scheduled to convene on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 4 pm in the auditorium. The meeting aims to empower the evaluation team by assigning tasks, distributing proposal responses and evaluation forms. It's important to note that Mr. Chris Rice and Mrs. Katie McCown, appointed by the board chair, will be collaborating with District administrators on this committee. The agenda is linked [here](#).

## HUMAN RESOURCES

### **Lex1 Teacher Turnover Rate Among Lowest**

Click [here](#) for a chart that compares teacher turnover rates among several districts. According to CERRA data, our district had one of the lowest rates last year.

## INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

### **Underperforming Schools Transformation Plans Approved by SCDE**

During the December board meeting, the principals of the three schools in our district that received an Underperforming School Designation referenced their transformation plans. These have now been approved by the State and are being posted to the district's website. As a reminder, those schools are

Pelion High School, White Knoll High School and Gilbert Elementary.

### **Mental Wellness Partnership**

This [link](#) provides data from our Care Solace partner and contains important information about services they have been provided to our community, such as the total number of individuals helped, key demographic information, top insurances, and prevalent mental health concerns.

### **State Robotics Championship Results**



Friday and Saturday, Feb 23-24, River Bluff High School hosted the South Carolina VEX Robotics Competition for Middle Schools (32 teams) and High School (36 teams). RBHS won the

"Innovate Award" which qualifies them for the VEX Worlds at Dallas, April 25 - 27. Lexington One will be well represented this year again at Worlds, as teams from Lexington Technology Center won the Excellence Award and was designated the State Robot Skills Champion. Rep. Paula Calhoun brought special visitors, His Excellency Georg Sparger, Ambassador of Liechtenstein, and Matt Keller, Advisor to the Ambassador. to watch matches for the High School Division.

## OPERATIONS & STUDENT SERVICES

### **Congratulations to H.S. Wrestling Champions**

**Sr. Hayden Schroder** (Gilbert High School)  
AAA State Champion in 132 the weight class

**Jr. Breydan Jennings** (Lexington High School)  
AAAAA State Champion in the 144 weight class

**Sr. Josh Neblo** (River Bluff High School)  
AAAAA State Champion in the 215 weight class

### **Congratulation to LHS Basketball Team**

On March 1, the Lexington High men's basketball team clinched the State Class 5A Basketball Championship!



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## [SCHSL Regional Alignments 2024-2026](#)

### **Transportation - Chamber “Dining on the Dam” Bus Request**

The Lexington Chamber of Commerce will use LSCD 1 buses as shuttles for their Dining on the Dam event on April 7. The Chamber will cover all associated costs.

### FOIA REQUESTS RECEIVED

McWhirter, Bellinger & Associates, 2/22/24: All notes, records, photographs, audio and visual recordings, including any videos obtained from Pelion High School regarding any prior disciplinary action, incidents, and/or fights involving [REDACTED] while [REDACTED] a student with Lexington County S



### SUPERINTENDENT

#### **Different Purposes: Cognia and Curriculum Audit**

A board member asked about the differences between the Cognia School Accreditation visit in 2022 and the recent 2024 Curriculum Management System audit--purposes, costs, use of outcomes, etc.

Please see our full response [here](#). Bottom line:

Accreditation	Curriculum Audit
Cognia is a less intensive check up of a district to determine if the district is operating at a quality deserving of accreditation. It is a <u>policy</u> tool for quality assurance. In other words, are credits students earn in our schools reflective of SC standards and worthy of being accepted by other K-12 schools in the US and beyond?	A Curriculum Audit is a much more intensive examination, often requested by <u>practitioners</u> who want to dig deeply into the details of sub-systems to determine where to start making improvements that ensure the same high-quality curriculum is delivered consistently across the district.

