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COMMUNICATIONS

Through contact with the Lexington One's Chief Communications Officer, the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts have expressed an interest in sharing a video with students during the week of Patriot Day (September 11) as allowed by state law. ([Click here to view information about Patriotism Week](#) and other special observances.) The Communications Department will receive 10-minute videos from the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Elementary schools will share the video with their students at some point during the week of Sept. 11-15 in conjunction with each schools' other plans for Patriotism Week.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

SCDE Assessment Release Dates

State Assessment	Public Release Date
SC READY	September 5
SC PASS	September 5
EOCEP	September 18
SC Career Readiness Assessment	September 18
SAT/AP	September 2023 (College Board date)
ACT	October 2023 (set by ACT)
State Report Cards	No later than October 15

OPERATIONS & STUDENT SERVICES

Football Games and Hot Weather

Just so you know: Coaches and Athletic Directors will adjust game start times if necessary to meet the “wet bulb globe thermometer” temperature requirements of the SC High School League. When possible they will announce decisions in advance. They will take mandatory heat and humidity timeouts at or as close to the 6-minute mark of each quarter as needed through at least week 4 (Sept. 15).

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The total enrollment count for Day 5 was 26,451 students in grades K-12. That's an increase of 507 students from the 1st day of school. We will conduct one more enrollment count on Day 10 (Aug. 22). [Click here](#) for a summary of the enrollment count by school.

Grade Level	Student Enrollment Day 1	Student Enrollment Day 3	Student Enrollment Day 5
Kindergarten	1659	1694	1712
1st Grade	1805	1847	1859
2nd Grade	1981	2018	2035
3rd Grade	1840	1872	1893
4th Grade	1905	1936	1963
5th Grade	2070	2106	2127
6th Grade	2037	2055	2066
7th Grade	1961	1985	1999
8th Grade	2113	2121	2149
9th Grade	2451	2461	2477
10th Grade	2249	2265	2269
11th Grade	1822	1832	1839
12th Grade	2051	2053	2063
Total	25,944	26,245	26,451

SUPERINTENDENT

Bomb Threat Protocol

Several Lex One leaders took time this week to log into one of 3 sessions provided by the FBI focused on effective responses to bomb threats and “swatting” incidents. Several guiding principles were provided. Also, White Knoll High School principal Nick Pearson issued a [video message](#) advising that the district will prosecute to the full extent those who are responsible for these incidents. Our security team is working with local, state, and national law enforcement regarding these matters.



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Lex One - Innovation Fellowship

Lexington One has been included among the districts to participate in State Superintendent Weaver's *Public Schools of Innovation Exploration Fellowship*, a six-month learning experience in which districts share innovative ideas in education. The Fellowship provides networking opportunities with a variety of education leaders (state and national), and helps leaders address questions such as: How does our district best sustain encouraging progress? How does our district best improve struggling schools? How does our district best innovate to meet community needs? Participation is voluntary and does not commit our district to any specific action.

SCSBA Legislative Policy Updates

The school board association has released its 2023 annual legislative policy update manual, linked [here](#) for your review.

RESPONSE TO CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC CONCERNS

A parent addressed a concern regarding the timeliness of a particular bus route. This matter has been addressed through the Executive Director of Student Services and the Transportation Director.

In response to a question from a board member on turnover rates: The South Carolina Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement (CERRA) produces an annual report with a turnover rate defined as the number of teachers that don't return for any reason in the same district. Traditionally, Lexington One has been at or under 10% in that category while surrounding districts typically average around 13%. In 21-22 (the last year we have data from CERRA), all districts saw a significant increase in their turnover rate-- which was common throughout both the state and the nation. Lexington One maintained an 11.8% turnover rate while surrounding districts averaged a 16.05% turnover rate.

FOIA REQUESTS RECEIVED - None

