

September 15, 2023 - Board Brief

Gerrita Postlewait and Senior Leadership Team

COMMUNICATIONS

[School Safety newsletter](#)

Congratulations to Brandon L. Baskett, ED.D., director of The College Center, on being named one of Columbia Business Monthly's 2023 Best & Brightest 35 and Under. [Click here to read/share the news release.](#)

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Midlands Technical College Graduation

Twenty-seven Lexington One College Center Seniors are projected to graduate from Midlands Technical College on Wednesday, May 1, at 3:00 p.m at Colonial Life Arena.

Special Education School Visit

Several district leaders will visit Washington Center in Greenville County School District on Wednesday, September 27. Washington Center is a specialized school for students with significant cognitive disabilities. The specifically designed campus includes classrooms, a cafeteria, a student kitchen, a greenhouse, a gym, a library, therapy rooms, a multisensory suite, an adapted playground, a nature trail, and a nurse's station. All students are served by classroom teachers, as well as by instructors in the areas of Art, Music, Physical Education, Daily Living, Library, and Environmental Science. The staff also includes para-professionals, nurses, and therapists (occupational, physical, and speech). Board members are invited to attend the school visit. Please let Mary Gaskins know if you would like additional information regarding the trip.

OPERATIONS & STUDENT SERVICES

Flu Clinics

School-located flu vaccine clinics for students will begin in October. Parents can elect for their student to receive their flu shot at school for no cost. The clinics are run by DHEC. Families will receive a letter from their child's school with the vaccine clinic information and directions for completing the online DHEC

consent form. The clinics will be on a specific date for each school during October, November, and December.

Board members interested in the Central Services Clinic, contact Ms. Halliday for details.

South Lake Elementary Update

Here is the latest construction summary for [South Lake Elementary Executive Summary - September 2023.](#)

SUPERINTENDENT

Curriculum Effectiveness Audit

Much preparation has gone into generating schedules and gathering data for the audit next week (Sept 18 -21). The audit team will be on-site for interviews and school visits. Board members will receive a reminder of the time for their scheduled interviews.

Reminder from the Ethics Commission

Don't forget! As long as board members carry a balance in their campaign account, they must continue filing quarterly campaign disclosures with the State Ethics Commission. These reports are due on January 10, April 10, July 10 and October 10. For more information, call the [South Carolina State Ethics Commission](#) at 803.253.4192.

Patriots' Recognitions

Our district recognized Patriot Day on 9/11, a Day of Remembrance for the victims of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and for the firefighters, law enforcement, National Guard, emergency service personnel, and 911 tele-communicators who risk their lives and contribute every day to ensure the safety of SC citizens. We will also observe Constitution Day, celebrating the signing of the Constitution, as well as POW/MIA Recognition Day.

Reminder: Coffee & Comradery - September 20, 2023 @ 7:30 a.m. between the Lexington Legislative Delegation, Lexington County Council, Town of Lexington Council and Lexington School Boards at the Lexington Town Hall Conference Room.



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Proposed October 3 Work Session Agenda

30 min - *Good to Great Social Sectors* book study

30 min - Board self-assessment

30 min - Draft Board goals for 2023-24

30 min - Evaluate superintendent

(More information provided at the Sept. 19 meeting.)

FOIA REQUESTS RECEIVED

Jorge Fermin 9/7/23: Seeking amount spent by the district on PowerSchool SIS over the last five years. "Preferably, I would like to see executed sales order forms."

CIVILITY

- Simply 'calling' for civility, especially in a top-down grandstanding manner is not going to spark meaningful change. It takes real action and stepping up into personal and professional accountability.
- With the right skills, continual practice, and commitment, nearly everyone can improve listening to, learning from, and respect for others - especially when you don't agree with them on opinions, views and decisions.

- Steve and Nellie Ambrose

Walk the Ridge: Widely Reducing INCIVILITY
(From SCASA Regional Briefing)



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