

# October 6, 2023 - Board Brief

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## National Principals Month



A principal's impact on their school is far reaching — creating a positive and productive learning environment for both students and teachers, providing teachers with the resources they need to be successful, and supporting them in their professional development.

Principals who understand the importance of making it easy for teachers to teach are more likely to have successful schools. When teachers are able to focus on their teaching, students are more likely to succeed.

We are so thankful for our principals here in Lexington One — they support our teachers, help our students to succeed and make our schools better places to work for everyone.

*Have you thanked a principal today?*

## COMMUNICATIONS

On Monday, October 2, our district celebrated National Custodian Appreciation Day. The dedicated custodians and housekeeping staff in our schools and offices support the district's efforts to provide nurturing learning and working environments for all of our students, employees and guests.



[Vote for our local Lexington Wildcat water tank in the Tank of the Year 2023 competition sponsored by Tnemec.](#)

The water tank features artwork created by an LHS art teacher, and we just learned this week that a WKH graduate worked on the engineering design for the tank. Joint Municipal Water and Sewer used the project as a way to partner with the district, donating money to the art department at LHS.

## OPERATIONS & STUDENT SERVICES

### Lex Ten Volleyball Championship

The Lex Ten Conference would love for you to attend their Volleyball Championships at Gilbert High School on 10/12. The first matches will start at 6:30 pm and the championship will follow at 7:30--7:45 pm.

## INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

### LOCC Survey

Next week, parents/guardians of students in grades 6-12 will receive communication regarding the Lexington One Community Coalition (LOCC) student survey. In order for a student to take the survey, a parent/guardian must give

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consent using the form in Parent Portal. The form gives the contact information of the district's director of School Counseling and Advisement if a parent/guardian wants to preview the survey before giving consent. The survey assesses the thoughts and perceptions of drug and alcohol usage from the viewpoint of the student and is offered to students bi-annually. The data collected from this survey, which is confidential and anonymous, allows the district to offer prevention programs and gain awareness about trends. The survey will be administered during the week of November 6th to students whose parents/guardians give consent.

### SUPERINTENDENT

#### **Medicaid to Cover Autism Services**

We received news this week that SC Medicaid will now cover autism services, and school districts can enroll with Medicaid as ASD providers. The [ADS Services Provider Manual](#) provides info about covered services, staff qualifications, etc. Historically, districts were told that they could not be reimbursed for autism services or enroll as providers. However, the SC DHHS has now confirmed that districts can enroll, Lex One will do so ASAP.

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

[Policy BEDB Board Agenda](#)

[Policy BEDG Minutes of Board Meetings](#) (formerly BCBH)

[Policy BEDH Public Participation at Meetings](#) (formerly BCBI)

[Policy BEDL Board Members and Electronic Communications](#)

[Administrative Rule BBAA-R Board Member Authority and Responsibilities](#) (due to changes in BEDB)

### FOIA REQUESTS RECEIVED

Carl Vollmer, 9/18/23: Solicitations and awards for the last five student-built houses at Lexington Technology Center.

Barrett Lindsey, 9/30/23: Dispatch phone call

Wanda Elliott, 10/2/23: Master Schedule for White Knoll HS 23-24

Ian Grenier, The Post and Courier, 10/4/23: AI evaluation forms, rubrics, reports and communications produced by the Lexington-Richland Five Board of Trustees as a part of their 2023 evaluation of Superintendent Gerrita Postlewait between Aug. 1, 2023 and Oct. 3, 2023.

Dana Homesley, 10/5/23: Requesting any and all materials, regardless of form, gathered by Lexington District One to fill the position of Executive Director of Operations, relating to not fewer than the final three applicants considered for the position. In addition please disclose the number of applicants considered for the position.



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Empowering each child to design the future