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COMMUNICATIONS

River Bluff High School's Center for Media Arts students were showcased on WLTX for their prize winning work and entrees for the S.C. State Fair. You can view the interview [here](#).

The White Knoll High Chamber Choir will perform the song, "I Want to Know What Love Is," with the music group Foreigner at a concert on Monday October 30, at the Township Auditorium, after winning a choir competition sponsored by a local radio station.

FINANCE

A new [S.C. Education Funding Dashboard](#) went live October 25, 2023. Maintained by the S.C. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, the dashboard summarizes funding and expenditures for K-12 education for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, prior to the rollout of the new funding formula that started in Fiscal 2022-2023. Currently, the dashboard allows users to analyze and compare revenues, expenditures, academic achievement, and other data by district. As more data and additional years become available, more options and longitudinal analysis will be added. A "How To Guide" is available on the SCRFA website.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Since the recruitment season is no longer isolated to the Spring, we work diligently to recruit candidates year-round to fill both current vacancies and vacancies for the upcoming school year. Here is a snapshot of the recruitment events in which we have participated so far...

- * September 27, 2023 - Claflin University
- * September 28, 2023 - Newberry College
- * September 28, 2023 - South Carolina State University
- * September 28, 2023 - Lexington Technology Center's Industry Day Event
- * October 11, 2023 - Coastal Carolina University
- * October 16, 2023 - Anderson University
- * October 17, 2023 - Lander University
- * October 17, 2023 - Francis Marion University

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Adult Education

The Lexington One Adult Education program is experiencing rapid growth, especially in students aged 17-19 who fell behind academically when COVID impacted their school experience. These students who dropped out of high school are now seeking their High School Equivalency Diploma (GED). Over 200 students have passed three out of four sections of the GED. To meet the needs of the increased demand, the district will leverage ESSER funds to add additional sections of ELA and Math to serve up to 30 additional students at a given time. As space permits, the program will continue to add additional sections. Since the state funding that supports adult education programs is based on the previous year's performance, the district anticipates that the funding received next year will support the increased enrollment.

Comprehensive Health Education Advisory Committee

Since the CHEA committee first convened in Spring 2023, two students graduated and one teacher is no longer in the district. The board approved the current student body presidents at Gilbert High, Grace Bedenbaugh, and River Bluff High, Ayden Higingbottom, to serve on the committee, as well as Brandi Humble, health education teacher at Beechwood Middle School.

SUPERINTENDENT

Two Lexington One Schools Selected

Two Lexington One schools have been chosen to receive a visit from the Palmetto's Finest selection committee. Meadow Glen Middle's visit will be held sometime between Nov. 8-17, and Lexington Technology Center's time frame is Nov. 29- Dec. 13.

Teacher Experience Trend

HR prepared [this graph](#) that shows a decrease in the number of teachers beginning education careers (1-10 years) vs. teachers with greater years of experience. Ideally, the trend would be reversed. [Please note: The years of experience between Steps 21 and 31+ may be very slightly different than depicted.]



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

Proposed revisions to [Policy IHAM Health Education](#) incorporate amendments to the S.C. Code of Laws, including the Comprehensive Health Education Act, Erin's Law, Ronald Rouse's Law, and Gavin's Law.

Proposed revisions to [Policy IKF](#) and [IKF-R Graduation Requirements](#) include the addition of the Personal Finance .5 credit and other requirements outlined in the S.C. Code of Laws and State Board of Education regulations.

FOIA REQUESTS RECEIVED

Danielle White, Christy Kellerhals, The Jeffcoat Firm, 10/20/23: "Gilbert Bus G-222 incident on 10/19/2023. Injuries [allegedly] sustained on bus. Requesting incident school, parents, driver reports, photos, logs, audio, preservation of all related material."

Diana Murray, Richardson Plowden, 10/24/23: Requesting copies of public records for construction contracts awarded for services performed at the Gilbert Middle School site on or before January 13, 2022. If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.



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