

November 10, 2023 - Board Brief

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COMMUNICATIONS

American Education Week November 13-17

A long standing tradition, American Education Week takes place the week before Thanksgiving and honors the team of people who work in public schools in our country. Follow the district's social media channels for opportunities to recognize members of our Lexington One family for providing quality education and supporting our students.

FINANCE

At the Oct. 24th board meeting, the board approved the FY '24 Eight Percent Capital Bonds projects. Linked [here](#) is a list of those projects assigned by district or attendance area.

HUMAN RESOURCES

We are gearing up for our annual Aspiring Assistant Principal Professional Development selection process. Each fall Lexington One candidates interested in pursuing administrative roles are invited to apply to this exciting leadership opportunity! Successful candidates move through a four-phase selection process and receive personalized professional learning designed to help them prepare for administrative selection processes and roles. Current Lexington One administrators volunteer to support the selection process by screening applications, scoring essays and serving on interview panels. We are so thankful for these school and district leaders who give of their time to support our aspiring leaders!

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Mental Health Services Update

Several private insurances are no longer willing to pay for in-school services. They will pay for office visits at the agency, but not for the clinicians to go to the school to provide services. Also, private insurances are declining to pay for services until the unpaid co-payment is received. Families are reporting the co-payments range from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Agencies that work with Lexington One are offering a sliding scale for parents to pay out-of-pocket. In most cases the lowest rate is around \$60 an hour. There is also an increase in providers declining or significantly reducing

intensive mental health counseling services to students who desperately need them. Zan Pender and leaders in other districts are in discussions with SCDE staff regarding this challenge.

Duke Endowment

On November 8, the Trustees of The Duke Endowment approved the grant for the University of South Carolina Educational Foundation, USC Institute for Families in Society, Lexington County School District One and LifeChanges Family Guidance and Wellness in the amount of \$601,500 to test the delivery of Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) to address the mental health needs of elementary aged children. The grant includes Triple P accreditation training for all elementary school counselors and parent liaisons and Triple P intensive family interventions for LifeChanges personnel. This also includes materials, such as Tip Sheets, to be presented to parents after consultation. This delivery and collaboration will demonstrate the capacity of the partners to provide mental health services. This will serve as the foundation to further pursue a day treatment program grant.

Family Connections Newsletter

Family newsletters with tips and resources for responsible and healthy technology use are shared with schools monthly to distribute to families within their existing communication structures. Check out the November Family Connections Newsletter [here](#).

OPERATIONS

[Executive Summary South Lake Elementary - November 2023](#)

SUPERINTENDENT

2023-2024 Support Staff of the Year

We look forward to celebrating our 23-24 support staff of the year representatives as they are recognized by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday evening and at a lunch celebration on Nov. 16th.

Board Workshop & Meeting - Nov. 14th

Workshop begins at 4:30 p.m.

Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.

General Session will open at 6:00 p.m.



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2023-24 District/School Accreditation (SCDE Memorandum)

According to State Board of Education Regulation 43-300, each school district must provide the defined program approved by the State Board of Education that complies with standards prescribed for: the boards of trustees, district operations, grades pK-12, CTE centers, summer school programs, and adult education. If a school district's defined program does not meet standards, the district or schools may not attain accreditation status. There are two options for accreditation--undergoing a State Department of Education Review or using Cognia, a non-profit, non-governmental organization that is considered the most prestigious and widely-recognized type of school accreditation in the US and internationally. Lexington One is accredited through Cognia.

NLCLC and MTC Partnership Launches

Dr. Devin Henson and Mary Gaskins are ready to announce that the MTC [wing of seven classrooms](#) is opening at NLCLC for Lex One students and others. One academic program that will be offered is the [Behavioral Interventionist Certificate](#), with two courses offered this spring. Four Gen Ed classes will also open: ENG 101, PHI 115, PSY 201, and THE 101. Several Continuing Education programs will also be provided:

- A+ IT Technician
- Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA)
- Intro to Excel
- IT Fundamentals+
- Level 1 Backhoe Loader
- Level 1 Bulldozer
- Level 1 Excavator
- Level 1 Front End Loader
- Level 1 Motor Grader
- Medical Terminology
- Introduction to Outlook

FOIA REQUESTS RECEIVED (None)



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