

# December 15, 2023 - Board Brief

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## COMMUNICATIONS

### Shout out to MGMS - Hoops of Hope

Eli Adams, a former MGMS student, sadly passed away in May of 2020 after an ongoing fight with leukemia, but even years later his spirit continues to live on. In honor of the impact Eli left, Meadow Glen Middle School is set to host the "Eli Adams Memorial Basketball Game" at Meadow Glen Middle School on Thursday, December 14th at 6:30PM. Proceeds from ticket sales will go to benefit Camp Kemo.



WISTV: [Eli Adams Memorial Game: Hoops of Hope](#)

## INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

### 4K Celebration

At the state early childhood roundtable meeting last week, Gilbert Elementary School's Tiffiany Seigler was recognized as a model, "Exemplary" classroom for CERDEP.

### Post & Courier: RBHS Teacher's Advice

Michael Burgess S.C. Dept. of Education and Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Teacher of the Year, proposes steps to attract and retain highly talented teachers: "...encouraging decision-makers to reimagine curriculums that include critical thinking and analytical writing, restoring educator's autonomy and requiring high schoolers to pass a citizenship test before graduating. The full article is linked [here](#).

### Grant Award

Lexington One was pleased to receive notification from the South Carolina Department of Education that we are recipients of the Stronger Connections Grant Program subgrant. The purpose of the subgrant is to provide students with safer and healthier learning environments. The Lexington One project will focus on special education students in White Knoll and

Pelion, schools with high percentages of chronic absenteeism.

## OPERATIONS & STUDENT SERVICES

### SLES Update

As we continue to prepare for the opening of South Lake Elementary School, school and district leadership are providing feedback to the architects on colors, finishings and furniture. At the principal's/teachers' request, desks will be provided in second grade classrooms (same as 3rd-5th) as opposed to tables.

## SUPERINTENDENT

### Winter Break

Although some individuals will be working during winter break (Dec. 18-Jan 1) schools and Central Services offices are officially closed during that period. January 2 is a teacher work day. Students return Wednesday, Jan 3.

### Mid-year School Work Plan Reviews

From Jan. 8-26 district and school leaders will meet to conduct mid-year Work Plan Reviews. During these sessions each school's first semester indicators of achievement and well-being will be reviewed, second semester adjustments may be shared, and 2024-25 projections will be discussed.

### Acknowledgement and Thanks

All building supervisors routinely check buildings, freezers, and coolers during the break and conduct a thorough walk-through well before staff returns from winter break in case any issues need to be addressed. Many thanks to Lee Cousins, Rodney Craps, Jim Jett, and Clark Cooper who remain on call 24/7 throughout the holiday break.

## FOIA REQUESTS RECEIVED

Dana Homesley, 12/12/23: "Any and all contracts entered into from school years 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 between Lexington County School District One and/or Lexington County School District One Special Services with any provider, agency, therapy, company, etc for any Special Services, including but not limited to: behavior agencies, behavior company therapy, independent BCBA or RBT, ABA Company/Provider/Therapy such as Bardin Behavior Health, Meaningful Milestones, Behavior Co, etc."



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**Debbie Heim, 12/13/23:** Request for the contract for the proposed real property donation from D&J Properties of Lexington LLC, including any and all contract(s) pertaining to this matter executed on or after the December 12, 2023 board meeting.



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