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FPES and PES receive grants from U.S. Department of Agriculture

Lexington, S.C. — Two Lexington County School District One elementary schools received Fresh Fruit and Vegetable grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Forts Pond Elementary was awarded \$24,550. Pelion Elementary received \$36,100. The schools will use the funds to purchase locally grown produce from area farms, such as Walter P. Rawl and Sons. Students are then encouraged to grab a healthy snack throughout the school day.

The grants also help schools make nutrition education a priority and emphasize the importance of fresh fruits and vegetables in a healthy diet.

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The Lexington One Board of Trustees and Superintendent Dr. Karen Woodward recognize Fort Pond Elementary and Pelion Elementary for receiving Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Forts Pond Assistant Principal Michelle Smith, Pelion Elementary Principal Catherine Hodge and Director of Food Service and Nutrition Pat Carter accept the honors.