

# August 4, 2023 - Board Brief

## Gerrita Postlewait and Senior Leadership Team

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### COMMUNICATIONS

#### PHES PTA Honored Nationally

PHES PTA has received the 2022-24 National PTA School of Excellence designation. Congratulations for earning this prestigious designation!

#### Burgess State Winner!

RBHS's Michael Burgess was named the 2023 S.C. History Teacher of the Year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Congratulations, Mr. Burgess!

### HUMAN RESOURCES



New Employee Orientation occurred on Tuesday, August 1, 2023. We were thrilled to welcome all new certified and support staff members to the Lexington One family.



#### Teacher Vacancies

At this time, we have 10 core certified vacancies. All schools have an alternative plan in place (ex: collapsing a class until second semester, utilizing a long term substitute, etc.) and are fully ready to open school with students next week. We have 2 open school counselor positions that we are still working to fill. Our district Director of Counseling is working to ensure those schools are supported.

The Special Services division is working through approximately 10 special education certified positions and has a plan in place to ensure students receive services.

### INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

**Estimated Student Enrollment Numbers** (Note that kindergarten enrollment typically increases after the start of school.) IT will be conducting a Student Enrollment Count on the 1st, 3rd, 5th and 10th day of school. They will be running a query through PowerSchool that will compute the number of active present students based on the number of minutes in attendance each day.

Grade Level	Student Enrollment
Kindergarten	1659
1st Grade	1872
2nd Grade	2058
3rd Grade	1902
4th Grade	1988
5th Grade	2142
6th Grade	2075
7th Grade	2036
8th Grade	2168
9th Grade	2454
10th Grade	2301
11th Grade	1848
12th Grade	2077
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,580</b>

\* Estimated Student Enrollment as of August 3, 2023, excluding pre-school numbers.

#### Band and Orchestra Instruments

Middle and high schools are on a five-year rotation cycle to replace band and orchestra instruments. Last year, GMS, GHS, and PHS assessed their needs and some replacement instruments were ordered. PHS placed a sizable order that should be in soon after school begins this year. Until then, the district is assisting with arrangements for borrowed equipment from other schools.



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### Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) Update

CSES, GES, LES LMES, and RBES have been selected to participate in the first LETRS® cohort which will begin this fall. The state budget includes funding for K-3 teachers, school administrators, reading coaches, reading interventionists and K-3 special education teachers to participate in LETRS® training. Several of our schools are also including 4th and 5th grade teachers in the training. LETRS® will strengthen teachers' knowledge of language structure, including phonology, syllable types, morphology, spelling generalizations, semantics and syntax and show how each correlates with the development of the reading brain to produce skilled, proficient readers. We are excited to begin this learning journey in Lexington One!

### OPERATIONS & STUDENT SERVICES

#### SRO in EVERY Lex County School!



*"For the first time in history, each public school in Lexington County has a permanently assigned school resource officer, 39 of whom are Lexington County deputies. This is a landmark accomplishment that has taken a lot of work and cooperation from all the law enforcement agencies and the five school districts across Lexington County," Sheriff Jay Koon said. (From press release). [LINKED HERE](#) is information about costs borne by Lexington One. In most cases, the district is picking up 75% of the cost of SRO salaries.*

#### Bus Driver Vacancies

Last August we had 32 regular-route driver vacancies. Currently we have 27 vacancies. We have 6 driver applicants awaiting the next class, and the transportation staff is actively processing additional applications. Our area supervisors are coordinating routes and double routing where it is necessary in order to provide the safest and most efficient transportation schedule possible.

### SUPERINTENDENT

For the Board's consideration:: "The leaders I have served have found that the most powerful way to elevate civility as an organizational value is to articulate the 4-5 values and 2-3 valued behaviors aligned with each value that actually bring civility to life in their workplaces. Then, using an organizational constitution, they consistently, publicly champion those valued behaviors by keeping them front and center and *enjoyable* to act upon." (S. Edmonds, former Forbes Councils Member -SCSBA Brief)

#### Adult Education Graduation

Be sure to join us in celebrating the hard work of our adult education students at their graduation ceremony on August 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the North Lake Community Learning Center Auditorium.

### TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

Middle school students will use brand-new devices this school year. District leaders have spent more than a year working towards a device refresh for students by testing new devices in student focus groups and with teachers and administrators. The Apple iPad came out on top as more than a device but a tool that will allow students to create and explore their learning in a new way.

### FOIA REQUESTS RECEIVED - None

