

January 13, 2023 - Board Brief

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COMMUNICATIONS

Legislative Update: With the start of the new legislative session on Tuesday, work has already started on some education-related legislation.

- The full Senate Education Committee met Jan. 12 to take up [S. 39 Education Scholarship Trust Fund](#) and voted unanimously to advance the bill to the full Senate.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Teacher Recruitment Fair - January 21st

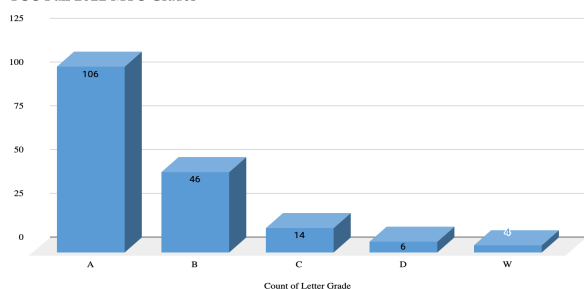
Please join us on Saturday, January 21st, at White Knoll High School, from 8:30 -10:00 am to greet teacher candidates. They will have “meet and greet” time to visit individual school tables and then will interview from 10:30 - 12:00 noon. You are welcome to stay until noon if you wish. This is a great opportunity for candidates to feel welcome by Lexington One board members.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

Fall, 2022 TCC Dual Credit Grades

- 59 scholars attempted at least two courses during the semester
 - Sophomores: ART 101 and COL 105
 - Juniors: ENG 102, SOC 101, HIS 201, & SPC 205
- 57/59 (96.6%) scholars earned all attempted credit hours
- Of all recorded grades, 166/176 (94.3%) were C's or better

TCC Fall 2022 MTC Grades



SUPERINTENDENT

Gov. McMaster released his executive budget. A copy is linked here so you will see his direction for the State and education.

[McMaster Executive Budget:](#)

Of particular note, the proposed budget includes \$3.6 million recurring and non-recurring general funds for the creation of the Center for School Safety and Targeted Violence at the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED). As Chief Mark Keel shared at our [November 15 board meeting](#), this new center will provide extensive training, education and expertise in the fields of school safety and targeted violence. The explanation of the center in the budget proposal notes that SLED is working with the Lexington School District One to acquire the rights to use the building and property that was previously Gilbert Elementary School to locate this statewide training facility. This Executive Budget includes \$986,941 in recurring general funds for the personnel and operating costs of the Center and \$2,607,900 in non-recurring funds to acquire use of the property and to purchase equipment and training simulators for the Center.

Competitive Teacher Recruitment

Recruiting new teachers is becoming increasingly challenging: [Aiken County Board of Education to discuss \\$10,000 teacher sign-on bonus | Education | postandcourier](#). Below are starting salaries for Midlands districts, from highest to lowest, as reported by *The State* on 1/12/23:

- Lexington 4: \$43,235
- Lexington 3: \$42,183
- Richland 2: \$41,821
- Richland 1: \$41,760
- Lexington 2: \$41,500
- Lexington-Richland 5: \$41,600
- Lexington 1: \$41,410
- Kershaw: \$40,745

Event Updates:

- The Lakeside Middle School dedication has been rescheduled to March 2 at 6:30 p.m.
- A date will soon be set for a groundbreaking ceremony for Elementary 19.



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FOIA REQUESTS RECEIVED

Debbie Heim 1/9/23:

Revised procurement card agreements [that] have been signed by those who have custody of procurement cards" as reported to the board in the 12/9/22 board brief and a copy of any and all "[e]nhancement guidelines [that] went into effect December 1, 2022.

Celebrating School Board Recognition Month:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vFCmdJcPpSk>



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