

# March 31, 2023 - Board Brief

## Gerrita Postlewait and Senior Leadership Team

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Topping Out Ceremony for Elementary #19

A topping out ceremony for Elementary #19 will be held in September or October in lieu of a groundbreaking. The special event will celebrate the final structural beam placed atop a structure. Board members and invited guests will sign the beam before it is raised into place.

The Communications team will work with Thompson Turner Construction to identify potential dates in those two months so that board members can hold the dates.

#### News to Share

Below are links to information online that board members may want to share:

- [Pelion Elementary State Archery Champions again](#)
- [Lexington High and River Bluff win first place in S.C. Economics Challenge](#)
- [Carolina Springs Middle National Schools to Watch](#)
- [River Bluff High teacher named SC Daughters of American Revolution Teacher of the Year](#)
- [Meet and Greet on April 25, 2023](#)
  - [Twitter Post](#)
- [2023-24 Limited School Choice](#)

### FINANCE

#### Another Mandate Under Consideration

The House Ways and Means Committee met yesterday morning and passed H.3908 which is the paid family leave bill. The bill now goes to the House floor and if passed, will go to the Senate for debate. Projected cost for Lexington One: \$742K.

### INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

#### Lex 1 Approved for 5 More PK Teachers

We received word this week that Lexington One has been approved for funding to support 5 additional CERDEP (Child Early Reading Development and Education Program) funds. These are the positions Jessica Buzhardt discussed with the Board a few weeks ago.

### Comprehensive Health Education Advisory Committee

The board approved a slate of members for the Comprehensive Health Education Advisory Committee during the February 28, 2023 meeting. A board member suggested that we add additional members from the Pelion and White Knoll attendance areas. Patrick Smith, a PMS science teacher and PES parent, and Jordan Seigler, WKMS PE and Health teacher, have agreed to serve as at-large members. We are appreciative of the work this committee will accomplish in the upcoming weeks.

### OPERATIONS

#### Reunification Training

On March 27-28, approximately 110 district and school level employees, and several fire and law enforcement members received reunification training by "I Love U Guys" staff. Staff learned the Standard Reunification Method (SRM) and how to reunite students and families in the event of a crisis. Training included identifying all the key roles necessary for the process and working on the district's plan. Finally, the team spent all of Tuesday role playing and completing drills. Everyone who attended walked away with valuable experience and a renewed sense of confidence in handling a crisis.

### STUDENT SERVICES

#### Nursing and Health Services

As a part of a stakeholder group, Director of Nursing and Health Services, Amy Wood, met with members of the Committee of Education and Public Works on behalf of SCASN (South Carolina Association of School Nurses) regarding House Bill 3309. She spoke to current laws and practices regarding students with seizures.

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### SUPERINTENDENT

#### **Board Docs Governance Summit**

Information about this Board training session (scheduled for Sept. 13-15) is available on the Board Docs main agenda page. If any Board member wishes to attend, please notify Tracy by May 1 so that reservations can be made.

#### **Midlands Technical College Summit**



The poster for the MTC K-12 Partnership Summit V features a blue header with the title. Below the header, there are three images: a modern brick building, a meeting room with people, and a close-up of a meeting table. To the right of the images, the text reads: "Thursday, April 27, 2023 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Center for Business and Information Technologies MTC Beltline Campus. Join the MTC Commission, President Rhames and College Leadership for Dialogue and Dinner. Please RSVP to this email or call Vicki at 803-822-3060." The Midlands Technical College logo is at the bottom.

The summit series brings together the

Superintendents and School Boards from all eight of Midlands Technical College's service area school districts for conversation and dinner with the MTC Commission and Executive Council.

"Please join us for dinner and dialogue as we work together to best serve our students. The main topic for conversation and information sharing will be our commitment to Dual Enrollment programs."

#### **Principal Announcements**

Principal naming announcements have been made for Beechwood Middle, Forts Pond Elementary and Pelion High School. We made the announcements in person to staff, and school families were notified via email. We are now moving forward with the Gilbert High School principal search and hope to bring you a recommendation in May.

### FOIA REQUESTS RECEIVED - None