



# 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Loving and growing our students  
to ensure a better community



PHYSICAL  
SAFETY



PHYSICAL  
HEALTH



SOCIAL  
NEEDS



MENTAL  
HEALTH



BEHAVIORAL  
NEEDS/SKILLS



ACADEMIC  
READINESS



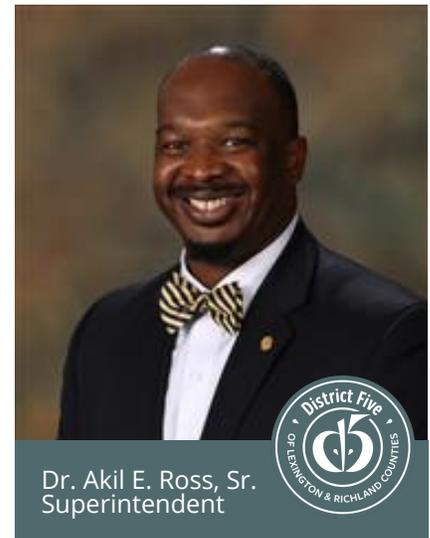
EDUCATIONAL  
NEEDS



WHOLE CHILD  
CONTINUUM

# LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

**How are the children?** This question guides my work as the superintendent of School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties. The central purpose of a school system is to educate children. In order to educate all students, our district is tasked with creating the best conditions for all students to develop their full potential. Meeting the needs of 17,502 individual students is no small feat. As a result, we rely on our District Strategic Plan as our blueprint for success. The strategic plan begins with the vision of our school system. We created our shared vision in August of 2021, when 2,600 employees were asked, “Why do you work in School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties?” Each response was coded by theme and provided a weight according to how many people indicated that theme. Eighty-three percent (83%) of the respondents stated that “Loving and Growing” our students was the main reason they work in the district. One hundred percent (100%) of the respondents stated that they worked in our district for the children.



The needs of children are ever-changing, and successful schools and districts work hard to meet the ever-changing needs of students. A worldwide pandemic created new health protocols, mental health challenges, and learning deficits and will require a robust partnership between students, parents, schools, community partners, and businesses to overcome these challenges. We did our best to keep schools open and keep the community informed of the spread of the virus through our COVID-19 Dashboard. Our color-coded mitigation dashboard received the Golden Achievement Award from the SC chapter of the National School Public Relations Association (SCNSPRA). School District Five created a Whole Child “Umbrella” Continuum of services to meet the ever-growing needs of our students. The continuum includes the physical safety and mental health of students and staff. Our District has devoted millions of dollars to the safety upgrades of our schools. These upgrades include School Resource Officers and/or armed security officers and weapon detection devices in every school. Additionally, we are in the process of updating our buildings with security vestibules, door sensors on exterior doors, and updating our camera systems to strengthen our protections. We have increased our response to the mental health challenges facing students and staff in School District Five. The addition of certified clinical counselors and the Care Solace partnership allow us to more efficiently connect our families with social, emotional and health services, and we are better positioned to address the barriers to learning that impact students daily.

Despite all the challenges facing our schools over the past year, our teachers and staff have seen amazing success and growth for our students. As a result, our district is a leader in our state in academics, arts, and athletics. The numbers are clear. Niche.com ranked our teachers #3 in SC, they ranked the District #2 in SC, and they ranked us as the #1 Best District to teach in SC. We are proud of these accomplishments, but much is on the horizon.

In order for all students to feel loved and be able to grow, we have to address three (3) major growth challenges (1) the growth in mental health issues, (2) the growth in student ELA/Math grade-level proficiency, and (3) the growth of student enrollment in Chapin schools and the growing facility needs of Irmo schools. Each of these challenges of growth provides an opportunity for progress. For example, we plan to (A) increase mental health services and develop a district wide social emotional learning program, (B) connect each student with a trusted adult to assist with academics and goal setting while maximizing the potential of our students in world-class honors programs and (C) create a 5 year master facilities plan that provides equity and access for all students in our district. In 2023, I will update the Board of Trustees and community at board meetings and community forums on our progress on these challenges and opportunities.

**I am confident that together we will overcome and turn all challenges into opportunities to answer the question, “How are the children?” with the response, “All the children are well!”**

# ABOUT OUR DISTRICT

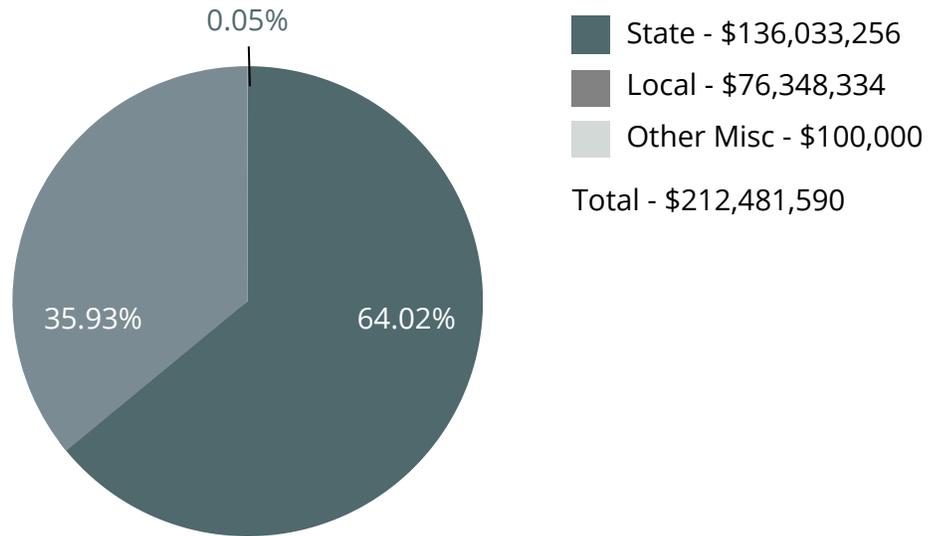
School District Five of Lexington & Richland Counties encompasses a land area of approximately 196 square miles, approximately one-half of which is situated in each of Lexington and Richland Counties. The District is primarily a residential suburb located to the northwest of the city of Columbia, the capital city of South Carolina. Included in the District are the towns of Irmo and Chapin. The school district has three attendance areas: Chapin, Dutch Fork, and Irmo. District Five operates a total of 13 elementary schools, two intermediate schools, three middle schools, four high schools, one Center for Advanced Technical Studies and one alternative school.

School District Five offers educational programs that challenge and stimulate thinking and problem solving and foster superior achievement. Our comprehensive educational program focuses on both academic and personal success for all students, from early childhood education through grade 12 and includes both adult and community education programs.

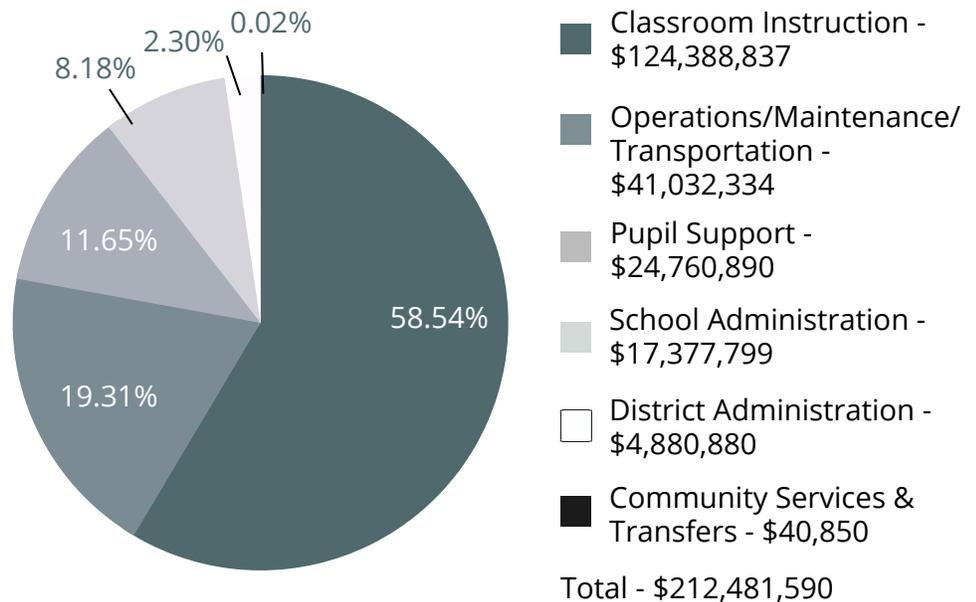


# GENERAL FUND OVERVIEW

## WHERE REVENUES COME FROM



## HOW REVENUE IS ALLOCATED



WE LOVE & GROW our students!

# DISTRICT AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

## TOP SCHOOL DISTRICT

School District Five was named a top school district in South Carolina and the number one school district in the Midlands by Niche.com in its 2022 Best Schools In America rankings. Niche.com also ranks School District Five in South Carolina as the #1 "Best Places to Teach", #2 "Best School Districts", and #3 "Districts with the Best Teachers."



## NATIONAL BOARD ACCOMPLISHED DISTRICT

Lexington-Richland School District Five is recognized as a National Board Accomplished District by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, a national nonprofit organization that certifies teachers based on a rigorous set of evaluations and standards.

The program recognizes school districts across the country that have 20% or more of its teachers that have achieved National Board certification. There are 293 National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT) in School District Five.



## ELECTRIC BUS

School District Five is one of four districts in South Carolina to receive the state of the art, Proterra equipped, Thomas Built bus. The district was selected to receive the bus after Isaac Brewer, a student in the Center for Advanced Technical Studies' (The Center) Clean Energy Program, was inspired by Clean Energy Instructor Patrick Smallwood to enter the "Kids Ride Clean" writing contest sponsored by the Ava Lane Meyer Foundation.



## COLLEGE & CAREER

Named as a leader in South Carolina for preparing students for college and three schools ranked among the top high schools in the state and nation in the 2022 US News & World Report ranking.



**College & Career Readiness Rate: 79.9%**



**BUSES  
123**

**Total Miles: 1,646,713**

**'22 SUMMER MEALS  
57,308**



**Meals Served during the  
2021-2022 School Year**

**2,783,617**

**DISTRICT 5 FOUNDATION ASSISTANCE**

**\$110,512**

- Student Teacher Grants
- Snack Pack Program
- Emergency Fund (Fires, etc.)



**TOTAL  
DISTRICT  
ACREAGE**

**842**



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RD5STORY#OURD5**

# 15 MAGNET SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS



## 2022 South Carolina Teacher of the Year

Employees: 2,686



## STUDENTS 17,509

## 293 NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS



## 2022 Milken Educator Award Recipient



# #1

## "BEST PLACES TO TEACH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA

NICHE.COM



# SCHOOL AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

## AWARD-WINNING MAGNET SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS

H. E. Corley Elementary School Leadership Magnet and Montessori Magnet and Spring Hill High School Career Pathways Magnet named National Magnet Schools of Excellence.

Irmo High School International School for the Arts, Leaphart Elementary School STEAM Magnet and the STEM Program at Dutch Fork High School have been named National Magnet Schools of Distinction.

To receive a national merit award, members of Magnet Schools of America must submit a detailed application that is scored by a panel of educators. These schools are judged and scored on their demonstrated ability to raise student academic achievement, promote racial and socioeconomic diversity, provide integrated curricula and instruction, and create strong family and community partnerships that enhance the school's magnet theme.



## CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The SkillsUSA Chapter located at the Center for Advanced Technical Studies (The Center) has been named a SkillsUSA Models of Excellence Chapter for 2022 in the Framework component of Personal Skills.

The Center SkillsUSA Chapter is one of 24 SkillsUSA chapters across the nation to achieve Models of Excellence status. The SkillsUSA's Chapter Excellence Program honors chapters for exemplary work in supporting the SkillsUSA Framework of developing personal, workplace, and technical skills grounded in academics. The Framework illustrates the intentional learning of critical workplace skills sought by industry.

## LEADER IN ME

H. E. Corley Elementary School has received recertification as a Leader in Me Lighthouse School by FranklinCovey Education.

The re-certification reflects the school's dedication to and effectiveness in teaching leadership principles, fostering a leadership culture and aligning academic systems through student-led achievement and empowering instruction.

A significant benchmark, applying for this certification typically occurs three to five years after a school begins the Leader in Me process.





# ATHLETIC AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

## WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONS

Chapin High School's Patrick Brophy completed an unbeaten season by winning the 5A 195-pound title. For Brophy, this win capped off his perfect season. "It is great to see hard work pay off and I am thankful for everyone that helped me along the way."

Chapin Wrestling Coach Bret Dye said, "I could not be prouder of Patrick Brophy's accomplishments this season. His hard work and dedication to the sport is truly unmatched. He has been a dream to coach."

Irmo High School's Justin Hayes won his second state championship as he claimed the Class 4A 160-pound crown. Hayes won at 152 last year.

Hayes was able to navigate the season with only one loss. "Winning this state title for a second time is just refreshing to me," Hayes said. "Irmo as a school has been going through some tough times, and it just feels good for the community and school to have something to celebrate. I will always be glad to represent Irmo High School. Irmo is a wonderful school and I wouldn't go to another school if I had the option."

Irmo High School's Head Wrestling coach Steven Paratto said Justin had a hard task ahead of him last year preparing for and winning the state title but that was nothing compared to this year. "This year he had a target on his back and everyone was watching and studying him. I also challenged him to get other kids on the team to follow him. He took on that challenge and was a great example to the younger wrestlers. He pushed them and talked to them all season. He learned from last year that the hard work and sacrifice does pay off in the end."



## CHEER CHAMPIONS

Chapin High School varsity cheer won the South Carolina High School League Division 5A state championship. The team finished with a score of 349, 11 points shy from perfect.

"After runner up last year, we were determined to bring the title back to Chapin! The work ethic and determination by these ladies was amazing," said Chapin Varsity Cheer head coach Vicki Williams.



FOR CHAPIN, IT'S THE 16TH STATE CHEER CHAMPIONSHIP IN SCHOOL HISTORY AND THIRD SINCE MOVING INTO CLASS AAAAA IN 2018.

# 2021-2022 ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
College & Career Readiness	82.3%	83.9%	78.2%* *Formula Changed	80.4%	79.9%
Grad Rate	90.6%	88.4%	90.7%	87.7%	89.0%
SC READY ELA (% Meets & Exceeds)	53.5%	55.9%	N/A (COVID)	50.8%	54.4%
SC READY MATH (% Meets & Exceeds)	55.2%	53.6%	N/A (COVID)	46.0%	44.4%
EOCEP - ALG 1 PASS RATE	77.8%	79.7%	N/A (COVID)	72.2%	72.6%
EOCEP - ENG 2 PASS RATE	N/A - English 1 was administered	N/A - English 1 was administered	N/A (COVID)	72.2%	72.6%

## ACADEMIC 2021-2022 K-12 HIGHLIGHTS

- AP Scores for English Literature and Composition improved from a district average in 2021 of **46.5% to 93.8%**.
- AP Statistics pass rate grew significantly from **62.4% to 84.5%**
- **11** total perfect scores on the math section of PSAT and SAT.
- Lexington-Richland Five **exceeded** the State pass rate on SCPASS and the Biology EOCT: 4th: State (68.9%), District (73.4%); 6th: State (63.6%), District (67.5%); Biology: State (57.5), District (72.3%)

2022



NATIONAL MERIT  
SCHOLARSHIP  
SEMIFINALISTS

16



SOUTH CAROLINA  
JUNIOR SCHOLARS



South Carolina  
**TEACHING  
FELLOWS**

★ **2** ★ National Beta  
Scholarship  
Semifinalists



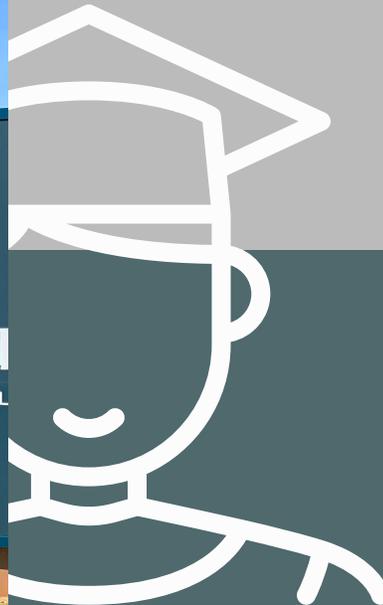
**24** National  
Recognition  
Scholars  
COLLEGE BOARD

SCHOLARSHIP \$ OFFERED:  
**\$236,583,283**

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**PALMETTO FELLOWS = 118**



**GRADUATES:  
1,296**

**89%  
GRAD RATE**

**HOPE/LIFE SCHOLARSHIP  
RECIPIENTS: 1,023**



**MILITARY  
COMMITMENTS:**



# SUPERINTENDENT'S LEADERSHIP PHILOSOPHY

## VISION

We love and grow our students!

## MISSION

The mission of School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties, in partnership with our stakeholders, is to prepare all students to be college and career ready by providing a challenging curriculum in a safe, secure, diverse, and equitable learning environment focused on academic, social, and emotional growth and development.

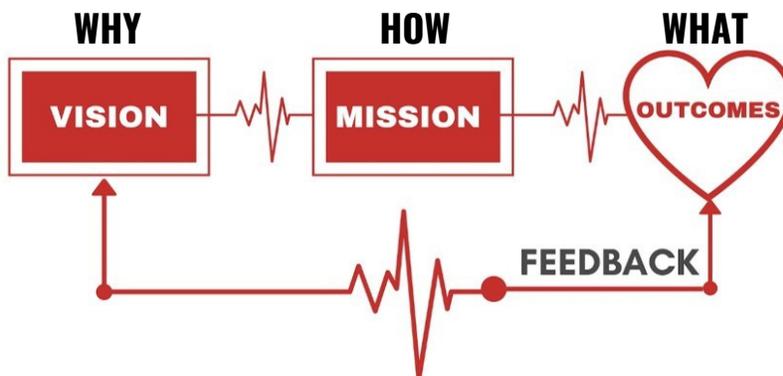


## WHOLE CHILD CONTINUUM

- Physical Safety
- Physical Health
- Mental Health
- Social Needs
- Behavioral Needs/Skills
- Academic Readiness
- Educational Needs

## SYSTEM OUTCOMES

LOVE	GROW
<b>Objective:</b> Every student feels they are “loved” in our schools.	<b>Objective:</b> Every Student has demonstrated academic growth in our schools.
<b>Performance Goal Area (1)</b> School Climate 6 Strategies	<b>Performance Goal Area (2)</b> Student Achievement 6 Strategies
<b>Performance Goal Area (3)</b> Teacher Administrator Quality 6 Strategies	<b>Performance Goal Area (4)</b> Gifted and Talented 8 Strategies



# GENERAL INFORMATION

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

**Ballentine Elementary (K-5)**.....476-4500; FAX 476-4520  
Robin Bright, Principal rbright@lexrich5.org  
1040 Bickley Road, Irmo, SC 29063

**Chapin Elementary (PreK-4)**.....575-5900; FAX 575-5920  
Jess Hutchinson, Principal jhutchin@lexrich5.org  
940 Old Bush River Road, Chapin, SC 29036

**Dutch Fork Elementary (PreK-5)**.....476-3900; FAX 476-3920  
Julius Scott, Principal jscott@lexrich5.org  
7900 Broad River Road, Irmo, SC 29063

**Harbison West Elementary (PreK-5)**.... 476-3800; FAX 476-3820  
Randy Norman, Principal Rnorman@lexrich5.org  
257 Crossbow Drive, Columbia, SC 29212

**H. E. Corley Elementary (PreK-5)**.....476-4001; FAX 476-4020  
Jason Pollock, Principal tjpolloc@lexrich5.org  
1500 Chadford Road, Irmo, SC 29063

**Irmo Elementary (PreK-5)**.....476-4200; FAX 476-4220  
Shannon Fincannon, Principal sfincannon@lexrich5.org  
7401 Dustin Johnson Dr., Irmo, SC 29063

**Lake Murray Elementary (K-4)**.....476-4600; FAX 476-4620  
Kelly Reese, Principal kreese@lexrich5.org  
1531 Three Dog Road, Chapin, SC 29036

**Leaphart Elementary (PreK-5)**.....476-4700; FAX 476-4720  
Courtney Sims, Principal csims@lexrich5.org  
120 Piney Grove Road, Columbia, SC 29210

**Nursery Road Elementary (PreK-5)**.....476-4300; FAX 476-4320  
Karey Fisher, Interim Principal kfisher@lexrich5.org  
6706 Nursery Road, Columbia, SC 29212

**Oak Pointe Elementary (PreK-5)**.....476-4100; FAX 476-4120  
Linard McCloud, Principal lmcloud@lexrich5.org  
1 River Bottom Road Irmo, SC 29063

**Piney Woods Elementary (K-4)**.....756-1100, FAX 756-1120  
Cassy Paschal, Principal cpaschal@lexrich5.org  
814 Amicks Ferry Road, Chapin, SC 29036

**River Springs Elementary (PreK-5)**.....476-4400; FAX 476-4420  
Matt Gams, Principal mgams@lexrich5.org  
115 Connie Wright Road, Irmo, SC 29063

**Seven Oaks Elementary (PreK-5)**.....476-8500; FAX 476-8520  
Christian English, Principal wenglish@lexrich5.org  
2800 Ashland Road, Columbia, SC 29210

## INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS

**Chapin Intermediate (5-6)**.....575-5700; FAX 575-5721  
Ed Davis, Principal Eddavis@lexrich5.org  
1130 Old Lexington Highway, Chapin, SC 29036

**CrossRoads Intermediate (6)**.....476-8300; FAX 476-8320  
Dr. Erin Doty, Principal ecdoty@lexrich5.org  
6949 St. Andrews Road, Columbia, SC 29212

## MIDDLE SCHOOLS

**Chapin Middle (7-8)**.....722-5500; FAX 722-5521  
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11661 Broad River Road, Chapin, SC 29036

**Dutch Fork Middle (7-8)**.....476-4800; FAX 476-4820  
Vernon Sava, Principal vlsava@lexrich5.org  
1528 Old Tamah Road, Irmo, SC 29063

**Irmo Middle (6-8)**.....476-3600; FAX 476-3620  
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## HIGH SCHOOLS

**Chapin High (9-12)**.....575-5400; FAX 575-5420  
Michael Ames, Principal mames@lexrich5.org  
300 Columbia Avenue, Chapin, SC 29036

**Dutch Fork High (9-12)**.....476-3300; FAX 476-3320  
Dr. Gerald Gary, Principal ggary@lexrich5.org  
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**Irmo High (9-12)**.....476-3000; FAX 476-3020  
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**Spring Hill High (9-12)** .....476-8700; FAX 476-8721  
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**Academy For Success (6-12)**.....575-5300; FAX 575-5320  
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**Center for Adv. Tech. Studies (9-12)**...476-8600; FAX: 476-8620  
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Chief of Academics & Administration.....Anna Miller, Ext. 8128  
Chief of Student Serv. & Planning....Dr. Michael Harris, Ext. 8121  
Executive Dir. of Operations.....Dave Weissman, Ext. 8172  
Director of Communications.....Amanda Taylor, Ext. 8118  
Bus Transportation.....476-4980  
Chapin High Cluster.....575-5856  
Irmo High Cluster.....476-3252  
Dutch Fork High Cluster.....476-4990  
Special Needs .....476-3254

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