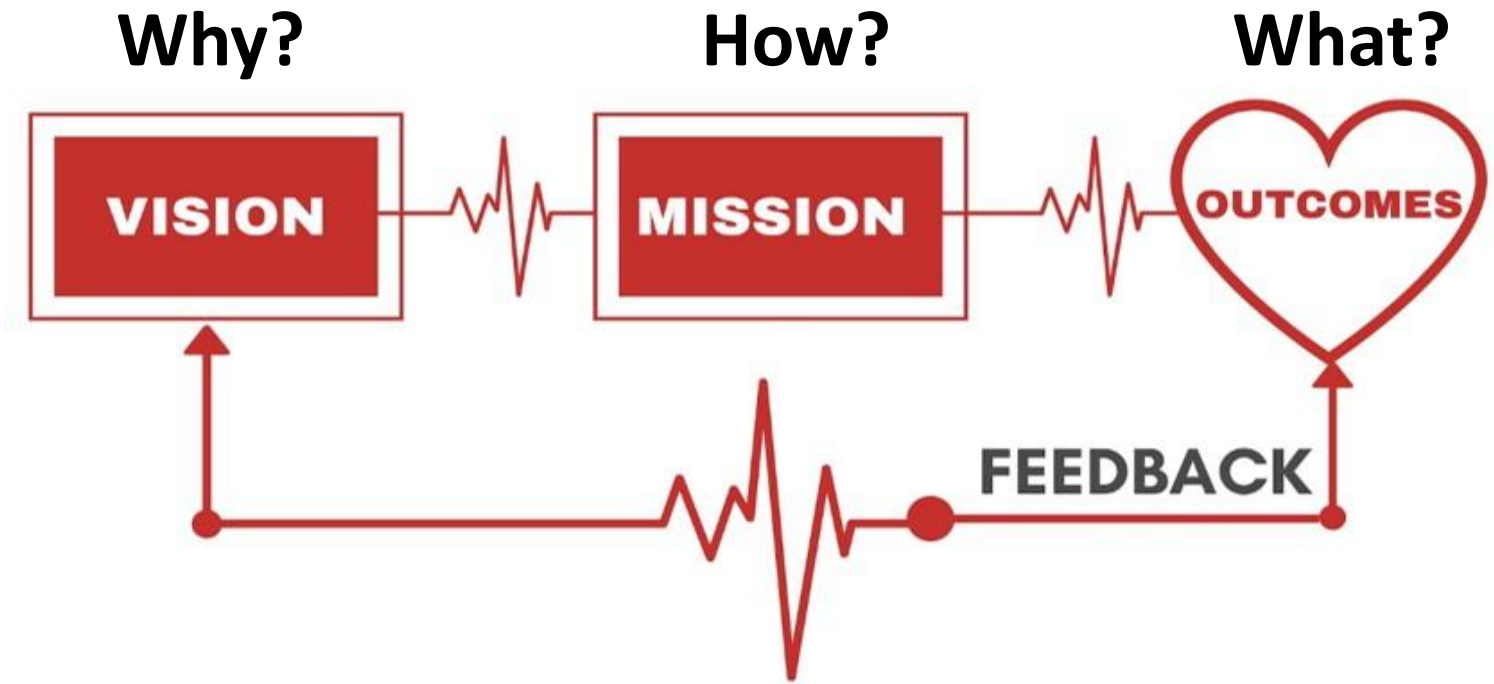
Superintendent's Report

Dr. Akil E. Ross, Sr.
Superintendent
School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties



June 26, 2023

We Are a System



System – A group of units so combined as to **form a whole and to operate in unison**
Source: Merriam Webster Dictionary

WE LVE & GRW
our students!

Our 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.



Strategic Plan Outcomes

LOVE

Objective: Every student feels they are “loved” in our schools.

Performance Goal Area (1)
School Climate
6 Strategies

Performance Goal Area (3)
Teacher Administrator Quality
6 Strategies

&

GROW

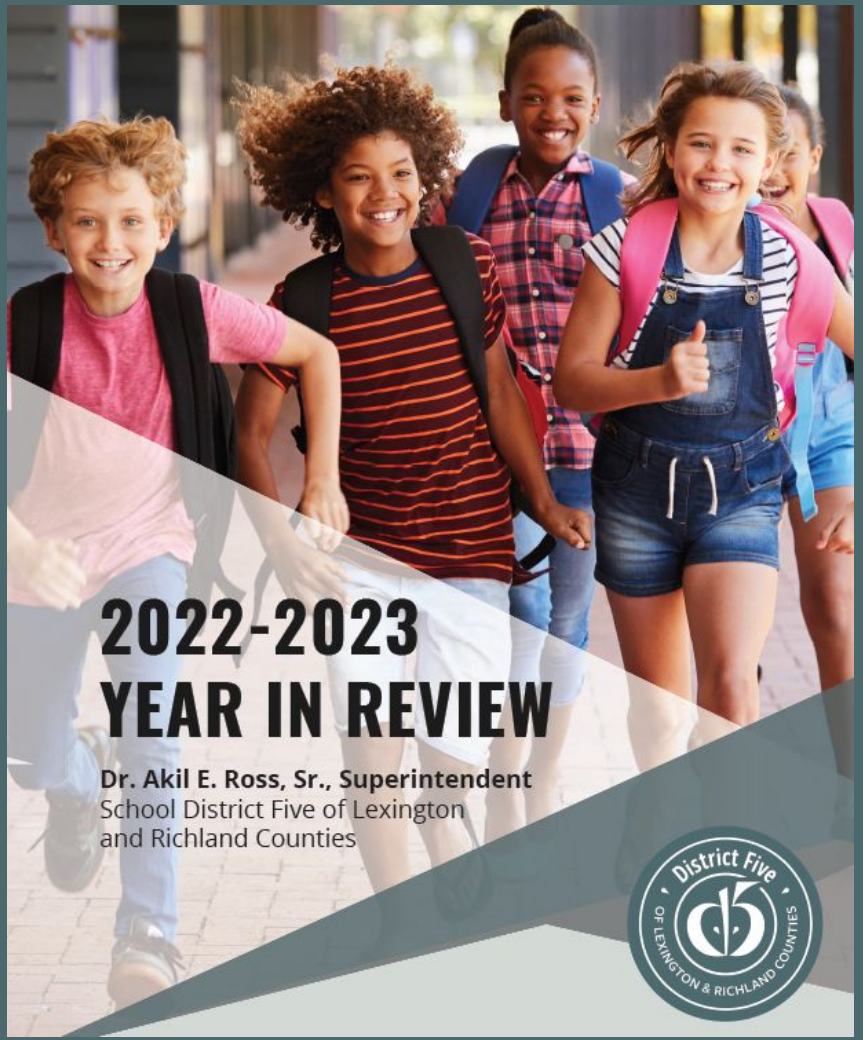
Objective: Every student has demonstrated academic growth in our schools.

Performance Goal Area (2)
Student Achievement
6 Strategies

Performance Goal Area (4)
Gifted and Talented
8 Strategies

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2022-2023 YEAR IN REVIEW Highlights

Telling Our Story



- Good News Ambassadors at each school share unique, engaging, and community-driven content on that school's social media accounts at least twice each week, incorporating #OurD5Story.
- The community is able to search and view the good news about our district across social media.
- The SC Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association (SCNSPRA) honored School District Five with two Golden Achievement awards in May 2023 for the #OurD5Story campaign and the Sunday Evening Video Series.
- School District Five has engaged a vendor to enhance the district's current website and create a mobile app to provide up-to-date information and notifications to families.





Student Support



- **Safety and Security -** School District Five contracted with Security Solutions of America to provide armed security guards at the few schools without School Resource Officers. We appreciate the relationships with all of the district's law enforcement partners and their efforts to create and maintain safe learning spaces for our students and staff.

- **Care Solace** - In an effort to provide additional support to students and staff, School District Five partnered with Care Solace to support the well-being of students, staff, and their family members. During the 2022-2023 school year, Care Solace handled 367 total cases and saved School District Five staff 512.5 hours of work, which they were able to devote to other needs in the district.

care solace

Calming the Chaos of Mental Health Care.

- **1st Jobs Initiative** - School District Five hosted a "Signing Day" on February 28, 2023, for nine students to celebrate their partnership with the district as student employees. This program, born in late 2021, seeks to provide students ages 16 and older with state-approved work-based learning experiences in order to increase their career readiness and, at the same time, improve school operations.



Staff Recognition

- **One-Time Educator Gift** - In honor of 2022 American Education Week, School District Five was able to provide all full-time employees with a one-time appreciation gift of $1000. School District Five is grateful for all of its employees and their work to LOVE and GROW our students.

- **Salary Study** - School District Five contracted with Evergreen Solutions, LLC, to complete a Compensation and Classification Study for district employees. With the passage of the FY 2023-2024 General Fund Budget, School District Five will be able to implement a number of Evergreen's recommendations to ensure that School District Five Employees are compensated equitably and competitively.

- **D5 STARS Program** - STARS is a support opportunity for first-year teachers led by two former School District Five and SC Teachers of the Year. They serve as mentors and advisors to new teachers and offer tools and resources they can use as they experience their first year in a classroom.





Capital Projects Updates

Irmo High School East Wing Replacement: On February 13, 2023, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the schematic design update that includes draft floor plans, exterior and interior design visuals, a project timeline, and an updated cost estimate. The next step is to move forward with the development phase of the project.

Chapin High School Stadium Enhancements: Chapin High School hosted a groundbreaking celebration for its enhancements to Cecil Woolbright Stadium on April 28, 2023. This project includes a new press box, renovated restrooms in the field house, and increased seating capacity. The completion date is anticipated in early 2024.

School District Five has contracted with McMillan Pazden Smith Architecture to develop and implement the district's Five-Year Master Facilities Plan. The results of their review will guide School District Five in developing its Capital Improvements Plan, which will address overcrowding and aging facility issues throughout the district. They will also help School District Five implement the new five-level grade structure approved by the Board of Trustees on March 27, 2023. The architects will provide the completed Maintenance and Capital Improvements Plans in October 2023.

2023

GRADUATES: 1,241

SCHOLARSHIP $ OFFERED:
$176,541,018

PALMETTO FELLOWS = 104

HOPE/LIFE RECIPIENTS: 856



MILITARY COMMITMENTS:

31

Looking Forward

Our Strategic Plan process continues to provide clarity for our future directions. We work toward achieving the 4 goals established in the plan:

- **GOAL 1**: We will maintain a safe and secure environment focused on the social and emotional growth and development of all students.
- **GOAL 2**: We will provide challenging curricula focused on the academic development and college and career readiness of all students.
- **GOAL 3**: We will recruit, retain, and develop a highly effective, diverse staff.
- **GOAL 4**: We will provide challenging curricula focused on the academic development of students in gifted programs and provide equitable opportunities for participation in gifted programs.



Monthly Financial Update (April)



April Monthly Financial Update

Revenue Summary

SCHOOL DISTRICT 5 OF LEXINGTON & RICHLAND COUNTIES
GENERAL FUND
MONTHLY REVENUE SUMMARY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 2023

	BUDGET	ACTUAL YEAR TO DATE	% Received	as of 4/30/2022
LOCAL SOURCES				
Property Taxes - Operations & Delinquent	74,006,640	70,976,192	95.91%	68,473,255
Property Taxes - Penalties & Interest	415,633	303,505	73.02%	270,768
Revenue in Lieu of Taxes (FILOT)	1,316,061	1,549,832	117.76%	1,414,382
Tuition - Out of District	5,000	275	5.50%	3,056
Rentals	120,000	88,371	73.64%	97,483
Medicaid	250,000	169,566	67.83%	165,677
Interest on Investments	350,000	1,338,909	382.55%	81,318
Other Local Revenue	285,000	588,788	206.59%	312,607
TOTAL - LOCAL SOURCES	76,748,334	75,015,437	97.74%	70,818,547
STATE SOURCES				
Education Finance Act (EFA)	68,404,055	57,226,155	83.66%	36,171,498
State Fringe Benefits	-	-		17,277,746
Retiree Health Insurance	6,179,835	5,026,135	81.33%	4,543,102
State Aid to Classrooms - Teacher Salary	-	-		3,951,057
Property Tax Relief - Tier I (1996: $100,000)	10,580,071	10,580,071	100.00%	10,580,071
Homestead Exemption - Tier II (Seniors Age 65+)	1,758,200	1,197,542	68.11%	1,197,542
Homestead Exemption - Tier III - (Act 388)	34,332,638	24,032,847	70.00%	23,166,838
Merchant's Inventory Tax	213,955	213,955	100.00%	160,466
School Bus Drivers' Salaries/Fringes	1,482,722	1,073,637	72.41%	1,085,853
Manufacturer's Depr. Reimbursement & Motor Carrier	572,460	1,249,122	218.20%	830,090
PEBA Credits	1,190,410	1,192,418	100.17%	1,191,338
Other State Revenue	-	13,956		16,625
Teacher Step	-	-		-
TOTAL - STATE SOURCES	124,714,346	101,805,838	81.63%	100,172,227
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
E I A-State Aid to Classrooms	11,849,288	9,940,327	83.89%	4,800,668
Indirect Cost - Special Revenue Funds	400,000	298,729	74.68%	295,028
Sale of Fixed Assets	-	23,536		44,217
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	12,249,288	10,262,592	83.78%	5,139,913
OPERATIONAL BALANCE TRANSFER				
TOTAL REVENUES THROUGH 4/30/2023	$ 213,711,968	$ 187,083,867	87.54%	
TOTAL REVENUES THROUGH 4/30/2022	$ 204,968,206	$ 176,130,687	85.93%	

April Monthly Financial Update

Expenditure Summary

SCHOOL DISTRICT 5 OF LEXINGTON & RICHLAND COUNTIES
GENERAL FUND
MONTHLY EXPENDITURE SUMMARY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 2023

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	ADJUSTED BUDGET	ACTUAL YEAR TO DATE	% Expended	as of 4/30/2022
SALARIES AND FRINGE					
Instructional	$ 119,240,477	$ 119,389,290	$ 88,263,702	73.93%	84,412,889
Support & Community Services	66,392,465	66,887,113	51,812,345	77.46%	50,004,139
Subtotal	185,632,942	186,276,403	140,076,046	75.20%	134,417,028
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES & Oth. Obj.					
Instructional	3,498,172	3,737,220	1,786,017	47.79%	2,593,093
Support & Community Services	13,515,274	13,421,454	10,543,159	78.55%	10,430,322
Subtotal	17,013,446	17,158,674	12,329,176	71.85%	13,023,415
SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS					
Instructional	1,650,829	1,948,943	1,452,248	74.51%	1,486,932
Support & Community Services	7,799,387	7,877,962	5,936,409	75.35%	5,129,776
Subtotal	9,450,216	9,826,905	7,388,656	75.19%	6,616,708
EQUIPMENT					
Instructional	440	7,440	6,900		5,422
Support & Community Services	96,649	154,649	701,165	453.39%	85,840
Subtotal	97,089	162,089	708,065	436.84%	91,262
TRANSFERS					
Pmts to Other Govt Entities-Per Proviso	20,000	20,000	40,245	201.22%	18,444
Food Service	267,897	267,897	-	0.00%	-
	287,897	287,897	40,245	13.98%	18,444
OPERATIONAL BALANCE					
TOTAL EXPENDITURES THROUGH 4/30/2023	$ 212,481,590	$ 213,711,968	$ 160,542,189	75.12%	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES THROUGH 4/30/2022	$ 201,694,166	$ 204,968,206	$ 154,166,856	75.22%	

Graduation Requirements Update



Graduation Requirements Update: Credit Recovery & Seat Time

June 26, 2023



District Five of Lexington & Richland Counties

Graduation Requirements Update

Credit Recovery vs. Credit Recapture (Seat Time)

Both…

- Offer opportunities for students to recover/recapture credits in order to reach on time graduation.
- Are offered to students at all of the high schools.

Students are not permitted to participate in commencement exercises if all graduation course requirements are not met which includes both credit recovery and credit recapture.



Graduation Requirements Update

Credit Recovery….

- *“defined as a course-specific, skill-based learning opportunity for students who have previously failed to master content or skills required to receive credit… targets specific components or a subset of the standards to address deficiencies necessary for student proficiency in the overall course.”*[1] (SC Uniform Grading Policy, 5-14-19, Page 9)
- Is offered at our high schools in a Credit Recovery class staffed by a content area teacher or through Virtual SC. Credit Recovery courses are coded in the student's PowerSchool schedule according to SC UGP guidelines.



Graduation Requirements Update

Credit Recovery….

- Students must have previously failed a course to be eligible for credit recovery with a grade of 50 or higher.
- A highly qualified teacher of record in the content area monitors and supports student progress.
- School District Five uses Apex Learning and Virtual SC for Credit Recovery courses.



Graduation Requirements Update

Credit Recapture…

- Is offered during the academic school year outside of the regular school day (ex. After-school and Saturdays).

- Students are provided with instructional material to complete that coincides with the content area that they are recapturing, and they are assigned to a staff member who will monitor progress and keep track of time spent.



Graduation Requirements Update

Credit Recapture…

- During the 2022-2023 school year, students were allowed to recapture up to 24 hours of seat time per semester.

State school attendance laws and SC DOE school attendance guidance do not specify the exact amount of time allowable for recapture; therefore, we are currently working to review and update our procedures as needed through collaborations with the SC DOE and surrounding school districts.






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TO THE
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#OurD5Story




READERS
BE LEADERS
WRITING

2023 Superintendent's Stud
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