

Superintendent's Report for September 2021

FSD3- A Premier District of Choice



Ensuring our Students are College or Career Ready and Productive and Responsible Citizens.



The Regional Advocacy Meetings will take place from 5-7 p.m. at the following locations:

- Wednesday, September 22 — Pee Dee
Hilton Garden Inn
2671 Hospitality Boulevard • Florence, SC 29501

- Thursday, September 23 — Midlands
T & S Farms
3500 Pond Branch Road • Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29070

- Wednesday, September 29 — Upstate
1881 Event Hall (adjacent to the Hilton Garden Inn)
805 Spartan Boulevard • Spartanburg, SC 29301





U.S. Department of Education Announces New Grant Program to Provide Funding to School Districts Being Penalized for Implementing COVID Safety Measures

- The U.S. Department of Education launched a new grant program to provide additional funding to school districts that may have funds withheld by their state.
- Funds will also be available for districts that are financially penalized for implementing strategies to prevent the spread of COVID-19 consistent with (CDC) guidance, such as universal indoor masking.
- The announcement is part of President Biden's plan to combat COVID-19 and protect the health and safety of students, educators, families, and school communities.



Vaccine Clinics in Florence County

MUSC will host will host 3 vaccine clinics in Florence County:

- **Friday, September 17**----- MUSC @ Johnsonville Public Library 9-11
- **Saturday, September 18**- MUSC @ Lake City Lower Florence County Building/South Lynches FD 8-11
- **Monday, September 20**- MUSC @ Timmonsville Public Library 9-11

RESOLUTION TO REPEAL THE 2021-2022 BUDGET PROVISIO 1.108 –

Action Needed

WHEREAS, South Carolina is among the top 10 states in the nation having the highest number of COVID-19 cases per capita, averaging 5,500 cases a day; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Children’s Hospitals Collaborative recently stated that the number of children ages 0 - 17 in the state requiring hospitalization, including critical, for COVID-19 is rising at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, in Florence School District Three, the number of students and staff who have tested positive so far this school year is 233, which has resulted in the quarantine of 1719 students and staff; and,

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends universal indoor masking by all students (age 2 and older), staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status; and,

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) strongly recommends universal mask wearing for teachers, staff, and parents in schools; and,

WHEREAS, local school boards and superintendents, who ultimately bear the responsibility for the well-being of students and staff need flexibility – not limitations – when carefully weighing health and safety guidance at the local, state and federal levels to make decisions for the students and staff in their communities; and,

WHEREAS, local school district leaders are best positioned to monitor and modify safety protocols and make the best decisions to keep students and employees safe; and,

WHEREAS, mitigation measures are vitally important to maintain in-person, full time education to ensure students do not fall behind scholastically or socially; and,

WHEREAS, Proviso 1.108 serves as a barrier for school district leaders to consider every recommended mitigation measure available for the protection of the health and safety of students and staff.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Florence County School District Three Board of Trustees, by this resolution, strongly urges members of the South Carolina General Assembly to reconvene immediately and repeal Proviso 1.108.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, **the district will furnish** copies of this resolution to members of the Florence County Legislative Delegation and will communicate the resolution to our parents, businesses and school supporters.

Adopted this 16 day of September, 2021



LCHS AWARDED \$175,000 GRANT BY THE LARCH FOUNDATION

- Lake City High School received a \$175,000 grant from The Larch Foundation to benefit the school's college readiness program, marching band and athletic teams.
- The grant is donor-advised with specific spending amounts and guidelines for the purchase of uniforms and equipment for our marching band program, the LCHS Panther 2.0 college readiness and scholarship acquisition program, upgrades to the LCHS weight room with new equipment, assistance to the football, boys and girls basketball, baseball and softball teams with uniforms and equipment needs.



Updated Enrollment

Projected Enrollment based on the GF Budget	3027.15
District's Actual Enrollment	(K-12)----3004 3K -12th -- 3172
Lake City Early Childhood	395
Main Street Elementary	348
J Paul Truluck Magnet	485
Ronald E McNair Jr High	288
Scranton Elementary	382
Olanta Elementary	247
Lake City High School	640

We value our students, staff, parents, stakeholders, community, and businesses!!
Let's work together to keep ourselves and others safe!

Our Mission is to Ensure Our Students are College or Career Ready
and Productive and Responsible Members of Society

