

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SYNOPSIS AGENDA/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CODE: PL-03
COMMITTEE: Policy and Legislative (PL)
DATE: May 11, 2016

SUBJECT/TITLE

Lexington School District Four's (District) Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-231 (R.43-231), Defined Program K-5, Section II.C. Guidance Program

PURPOSE OF REPORT/REGULATION/ITEM

The purpose of this request is to waive the requirement for services of a guidance counselor in the Early Childhood Center that serves five-year-olds.

CRITICAL FACTS

SBE R.43-231(II)(C) states that “A *comprehensive guidance program including career awareness, is required in schools having any combination of grades K-5.*”

The Early Childhood Center serves three-, four-, and five-year-old students through a full-day comprehensive program. Releasing the school from this requirement will allow the district to continue to employ a full-time, licensed social worker to serve the school's population.

Lexington School District Four's strategic plan and the Early Childhood Center's school renewal plan have been amended to reflect these changes pursuant to R.43-261.

This waiver would be effective through the 2016-17 school year, which is the duration of the district strategic and school renewal plan cycle.

TIMELINE/REVIEW PROCESS

October 2016-January 2017

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) accreditation team reviews school/district data and documentation for compliance to statutes, SBE regulations and accreditation standards.

February 2017

Preliminary analysis reports and accreditation ratings are posted online for school and district viewing.

