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Truancy prevention funds awarded

Aiken County Public Schools was named the recipient of \$42,000 in grant funds aimed at attendance improvement and drop-out prevention among high school students. The South Carolina Department of Education's Office of Regional Services announced a total of \$1.4 million in innovative and supplemental grants ranging from \$6000 to \$125,000. Only 42 South Carolina schools were named as recipients of the \$6000 supplemental awards.

"These grants will support the schools' efforts to identify students at risk for dropping out and track their progress throughout high school. This is a continuation of similar grants awarded last year through the EEDA," stated King Laurence, ACPS Director of Federal Programs.

Each of our seven high schools will receive an equal amount of the \$42,000 award.

<i>Aiken High</i>	<i>\$6000</i>
<i>South Aiken High</i>	<i>\$6000</i>
<i>North Augusta High</i>	<i>\$6000</i>
<i>Midland Valley High</i>	<i>\$6000</i>
<i>Wagener-Salley High</i>	<i>\$6000</i>
<i>Ridge Spring-Monetta High</i>	<i>\$6000</i>
<i>Silver Bluff High</i>	<i>\$6000</i>

You may contact King Laurence at 803.641.2453 or klaurence@aiken.k12.sc.us for additional information on Aiken County's award. For more information on the state-wide grants announcement, please contact Dr. John Lane at 803.734.8125 or jllane@ed.sc.gov.