Lexington Staff Update April 7, 2017

From the office of the Treasurer...

All Staff

Reminder The deadline to submit 2016-17 requisitions for purchase orders is April 28th; everything should be submitted to your principal or supervisor for end-of-year purchases.

Student Activity Advisors

Just a reminder that for any planned or completed student activity fundraisers, please complete a Fundraiser Report for the fundraiser. These reports should be completed for estimates prior to the anticipated fundraiser and completed for actual results after the completion of the fundraiser.

Thank you again for all you do to ensure the success of the various student activities throughout the District.

APEX Online Curriculum

Lexington currently utilizes an online curriculum provider (APEX) to offer online access to students for credit recovery and other circumstances to allow for student success outside of the traditional school environment. This access has already resulted in a number of exciting success stories for our students.

This option continues to see success and was further expanded with additional seats added for the 2017 school year. This online curriculum has allowed for positive results with credit recovery as well as providing for an alternative resource under a variety of other student circumstances, including, in some cases, specific medical scenarios that may have otherwise hindered student success. Additionally, this online curriculum provides a potential alternative, or in certain circumstances a supplement, to students and families who may otherwise be considering obtaining their education elsewhere, whether that's at another district, a community school, or through homeschooling.

Student success for all Lexington students is extremely important to everyone within our District, and the APEX online curriculum is another tool to allow for our students' potential to be successful to turn into reality.

Useful? Information:

Spring Break Fun Facts

- The number one U.S. spring break destination is **Daytona Beach**;
- On average, students spend approximately \$1,100 on spring break;
- Approximately **1.5 million students** go on spring break every year and collectively spend over **\$1 billion dollars!!!**



Financial Information:

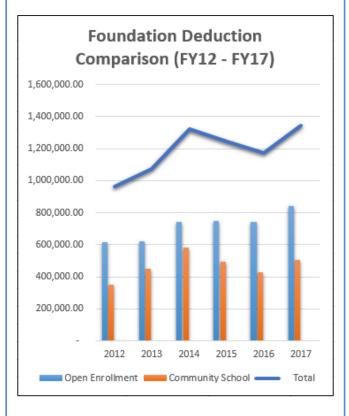
Open Enrollment / Community School Transfer

When looking at school district finances, the purchased service expenditure line item is typically the third largest school district expenditure category after salaries and benefits.

This expenditure line item includes various contracted services necessary to effectively operate the school district, including utilities, computer/network services, medical/therapy, copier leases, repairs, etc. When considering school district purchased service expenditures, many people may think of most or all of these examples.

However, it may be surprising to know that the two largest purchased service expenditures aren't actually 'expenditures' at all but rather deductions from our State foundation funding for open enrollment and community school students attending elsewhere. While these funds are deducted from our foundation receipts from the State, they are recorded as purchased service expenditures for accounting purposes. The following is a breakdown of these deductions over the past several years:

Foundation Deduction Comparison (FY12 - FY17)			
	2012	2013	2014
Open Enrollment	616,256.05	619,510.41	740,849.45
Community School	349,550.86	452,067.27	581,992.87
Total	965,806.91	1,071,577.68	1,322,842.32
	2015	2016	2017
Open Enrollment	750,702.50	744,695.76	839,623.79
Community School	492,000.24	429,702.71	504,389.90
Total	1,242,702.74	1,174,398.47	1,344,013.69



While districts will always have students who attend elsewhere for a variety of reasons, one way Lexington is looking to provide alternative options to our students is through the use of the APEX online curriculum as described on the left side of this update.