



## **Educational Foundation Continues to Support Literacy In Lexington One with a Second Bucks for Books Grant**

*August 21, 2018:* For the second year in a row, the Lexington One Educational Foundation allocated funds to support student literacy in Lexington School District One. Using its LEAP Education Funds, the Educational Foundation recently awarded its second Bucks for Books grant to support reading initiatives in the district.

The Lexington School District One Office of Instruction, represented by Erica K. Bissell, ED.D., received \$25,500 total to assist teachers in building their classroom libraries and support literacy standards set by the South Carolina Department of Education. Chief Academic Officer for Lexington One, Gloria J. Talley, ED.D., was unable to attend the meeting that evening, but personally expressed her gratitude for the Foundation's continued funding of literacy efforts.

Each Lexington District One elementary school received an equal share (\$1,500 each) of the allocation to purchase new reading materials.

The Foundation first awarded a Bucks for Books Grant in October 2017, with all 17 of the district's elementary schools receiving funding. Executive Director Julie Washburn stated, "Literacy skills are an extremely important part of a child's education, so the Foundation's board hopes to be able to continue such support of strengthening literacy efforts in the future."

