



Lexington Educational Foundation Lexington County School District One

Successful Results for Foundation's 2018-2019 LEAP Campaign

November 13, 2018: Annually as our school year kicks off, the Lexington One Educational Foundation also launches its internal employee giving program, the LEAP Campaign. Funded solely by donations from caring Lexington One employees, this worthwhile endeavor enables its dedicated teachers and staff to give back to Lexington One.

The LEAP funds assist our District in a number of important ways. First, the **Lexington Emergency Assistance Plan** offers financial assistance and/or in-kind services to the District's students and employees who are experiencing a crisis and need temporary help to get through a challenging time. Second, the **Lexington Education Assistance Plan** supports the district's learning initiatives. In the past, these funds have paid for leadership programs in numerous schools and built a STEM lab at Carolina Springs Middle School, which are educational priorities that could not be funded through the district's budget. In the last two years, this fund has provided \$59,500 worth of books to our 17 elementary schools to support elementary literacy.

We are so very thankful for our amazing Lexington One employees who donated to the Foundation's LEAP Campaign this year! More than 2,600 chose to give to LEAP this year, which is almost 67%! Here are the results:

Lexington Emergency Assistance Plan: Total contributions – \$118,911.58

Lexington Education Assistance Plan: Total contributions – \$31,435.50

LEAP Overall TOTAL: \$150,347.08

Congratulations to the following schools and department for having the highest percentages of increased dollar amount raised in the 2018 LEAP Campaign over the previous year:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

1st – New Providence Elementary School (25.96% increase), Principal Robert Candillo, LEAP Representatives Kelly Watkins & Kelli Boyleston

2nd – Oak Grove Elementary School (15.26% increase), Principal Sherry Cariens, LEAP Representatives Mary Catherine Whisnant & Diane Schacht

3rd – Gilbert Elementary School (8.66% increase), Principal Heath Branham, LEAP Representatives Ryan Allman & Ginger McCullar

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Pelion Middle School (5.56% increase), Principal Kailanya Brailey, LEAP Representatives Corey Bedenbaugh & Lynn Martin

HIGH SCHOOL

Pelion High School (27.92% increase), Principal Bryan Hearn, LEAP Representatives Dona Smith & Effie Bailey

SUPPORT SERVICES – District Staff

Maintenance Office (10.34% increase), Director of Building Maintenance/Facilities John Stehmeyer, LEAP Representative Donna Gaines



Congratulations also to the four schools who had 100% of their employees donate to the LEAP Campaign this year!

100% Participation Awards

- **Gilbert Primary School**, Principal William Moody, LEAP Representatives Clarice Mondeel & Mandy Grigsby
- **Lake Murray Elementary School**, Principal Jennifer Stanley, LEAP Representatives Christina Peters & Kim Nunnery
- **Pelion High School**, Principal Bryan Hearn, LEAP Representatives Dona Smith & Effie Bailey
- **Rocky Creek Elementary School**, Principal Brenda Nichols, LEAP Representatives Andrea Davies & Paula Langdale



Congratulations to all of our 2018-2019 LEAP Winners! Many thanks to everyone in Lexington School District One who donated to this worthwhile campaign, too. The dedication of Lexington One family members in helping others through their support of the Educational Foundation’s annual LEAP Campaign is truly astounding! This most generous support will make an immense and positive difference in the lives of many students and families in Lexington One!