



Educational Foundation
Lexington County School District One

Educational Foundation Awards third Bucks for Books Grant to Support Literacy in Lexington District One

October 15, 2019: The Lexington One Educational Foundation recognized its 2019-20 Bucks for Books Grant award winner at the Lexington County School District One Board of Trustees meeting on October 15, 2019. This \$20,000 grant was presented to Lexington District One's Chief Academic Officer Dr. Gloria J. Talley and Reading and Language Arts Coordinator Dr. Erica Bissell.

Each Lexington District One middle school will receive an equal share (\$2,000 each) of the allocation to purchase new reading materials for select classroom libraries.

For the last two years the Educational Foundation awarded Bucks for Books Grants to support elementary literacy, but this year the board shifted its focus to support middle school literacy.

Executive Director Julie Washburn stated, "Literacy skills continue to be an extremely important part of a child's education, so the Foundation's board hopes to be able to continue such generous financial support in the future to strengthens the literacy skills of our students."



The Foundation funds for this grant were made possible by donations from Lexington District One employees' gifts to the Lexington Education Assistance Plan (LEAP).

To date the Lexington One Educational Foundation has invested \$79,500 towards strengthening literacy skills of Lexington District One students through the Books for Bucks Grants.