



Foundation's 2017-2018 LEAP Campaign is a Big Success!

October 18, 2017: 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 is an effort to enable its caring teachers and staff to give back to Lexington One.

The LEAP funds assist our District in a number of important ways. First, the **Lexington Employee Assistance Plan** offers financial assistance and/or in-kind services to the District's students and employees who are experiencing a crisis situation and need help to get through a challenging time. These LEAP funds can also assist students in need of health services that prevent the student from learning. Second, the **Lexington Education Assistance Plan** supports the LexLearns, LexLeads & LexLives 21-Century 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, so the Foundation LEAP funds were there to help.

We are so very thankful for our amazing Lexington One employees who donated more this year to LEAP than any year so far! More than 2,500 chose to donate to LEAP this year, which is almost 70%! Here are the results:

Lexington Employee Assistance Plan: Total contributions – \$130,871.26

Lexington Education Assistance Plan: Total contributions – \$27,520.02

LEAP Overall TOTAL: \$158,391

Congratulations to the following schools and departments for having the highest percentages of increased dollar amount over the previous year:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

1st – Gilbert Elementary School (21.75% increase)

Principal Heath Branham

LEAP Representatives Stephanie Margraf & Ryan Allman

2nd – Midway Elementary School (20.42% increase)

Principal Jan M. Fickling

LEAP Representatives Rick Masters & Brandy Ludlam

3rd – Lexington Elementary School (17.84% increase)

Principal Jim H. Hamby

LEAP representatives Susan S. Kirlough & Courtney C. Leaphart



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Carolina Springs Elementary (32.63% increase)

Dr. Brice L.S. Cockfield, Principal

LEAP representatives Joi H. Walden & Ashley Carter

HIGH SCHOOL

Lexington High School (14.83% increase)

Dr. Sherry Walters, Assistant Principals of LHS

LEAP representatives: Carol A. Camp, Julie E. Herndon & Charles E. Pinta

SUPPORT SERVICES – District Staff

Transportation Office (47.47% increase)

Bill A. Kurts, Director of Transportation

LEAP Representative Adrienne L. Bazemore

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

100% Participation Awards

Lake Murray Elementary

Principal Jennifer Stanley

LEAP Representatives Christy Peters & Kim Nunnery

Rocky Creek Elementary

Principal Brenda B. Nichols

LEAP Representatives Jennifer M. Ringo & Jennifer B. Taylor

We send a big congratulations to all of our 2017-2018 LEAP Winners! Many thanks to everyone who donated to this worthwhile campaign, too. The dedication of Lexington One family members to helping others through their support of the Educational Foundation's annual LEAP Campaign is absolutely amazing! This most generous support will make an immense and positive difference in the lives of many individuals in Lexington One!

