



McCORMICK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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MCCORMICK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVES GRANT FROM S.C. ARTS COMMISSION

McCormick, SC. – The McCormick County School District has been awarded a \$15,827.00 grant by the South Carolina Arts Commission for the 2018/2019 fiscal year. The support, *which is funded in part by the John and Susan Bennett Memorial Arts Fund of the Coastal Community Foundation of South Carolina,* will allow the organization to support the “arts” throughout the McCormick County School District.

The McCormick County School District’s arts program mission is to provide a quality arts education for every student.

The McCormick County School District pledges to provide a quality arts education for every student. Every student that is a part of our family will have access and encouragement to a quality education that celebrates creativity and inspires growth. Our students, families and staff will learn, live, and work in a place that prioritizes collaboration, creativity and a sense of community. The S.C. Arts Commission grant will enable the Arts Council to offer arts in education programs in all 3 McCormick County schools during the 2018-2019 school year. This funding helps us achieve our mission of enriching the education experience for the children in our local neighborhoods and communities.

Several neighboring companies, organizations and/or individuals are helping the McCormick County School District meet its obligation of matching the Arts Commission grant with local dollars. Those who are supporting the grant project are: South Carolina Arts Commission, the MACK, McCormick Library, McCormick Elementary, McCormick Middle, and McCormick High School.

Local residents can see how the Arts Commission grant and local funds are benefiting the McCormick County School District by visiting our performing arts after school program, visual arts and music classes in elementary, middle, and high, and band performances.

About The South Carolina Arts Commission

The South Carolina Arts Commission is the state agency charged with creating a thriving arts environment that benefits all South Carolinians, regardless of their location or circumstances. Created by the South Carolina General Assembly in 1967, the Arts Commission works to increase public participation in the arts by providing services, grants and leadership initiatives in three areas: arts education, community arts development and artist development.

Headquartered in Columbia, S.C., the Arts Commission is funded by the state of South Carolina, by the federal government through the National Endowment for the Arts and other sources. For more information, visit www.SouthCarolinaArts.com or call (803) 734-8696.

About the McCormick County School District:

The McCormick County School District provides music and visual arts to over 300 elementary students during their rotating related arts schedule. In addition, band and visual arts are offered for middle and high school students during their instructional day as well as during after school. Performing Arts has been added to the after school program for grades 3rd through 12th. The district plans to expand the “arts” throughout the instructional day and in the after school and summer programs. For more information, visit www.mccormick.k12.sc.us or call (864) 852-2435.