Applicant: School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties  
PR Award: U165A170002

School District: School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties  
City, State: Irmo, South Carolina  
Urbanicity: Urban

Project Title/Name: Discover Five

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Grant Award Amount: Total: $13,711,834.00 over 5 years

- Year 1 $2,939,653.00  
- Year 2 $2,774,586.00  
- Year 3 $2,972,365.00  
- Year 4 $2,463,615.00  
- Year 5 $2,561,615.00

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Project Description:

School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties (District Five) proposes to implement a five-year Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) grant entitled Discover Five to reduce minority group isolation of African-American students and increase socioeconomic diversity in its schools. Discover Five includes the launch of three new, and one significantly revised, magnet programs, developed using evidence-based strategies and best practices for improving student academic achievement. H.E. Corley Elementary School Montessori Magnet will operate as a new program within a school and serve 168 students. Leaphart Elementary School STEAM Magnet will operate as a significantly revised whole school magnet and serve 564 students. Nursery Road Elementary School Arts Magnet will operate as a new whole school magnet and serve 546 students. Irmo High School International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme Magnet will operate as a new program within a school and serve 400 students.

Project Goals

1. To promote diversity by reducing and preventing minority group isolation and increasing socioeconomic diversity.

2. To increase student achievement by implementing rigorous, focused programs of study that provide personalized, innovative, theme-based instruction to provide all students the opportunity to meet challenging core content standards and academic achievement standards.

3. To design, implement, and sustain innovative theme-based programs that promote diversity and increase choices, in partnership with parents and the community.

4. To prepare students as 21st century learners by improving academic achievement and providing them with the necessary career, technological, and professional skills.

5. To build the capacity of administrators and teachers to deliver rigorous programs of study that integrate systemic reforms and site-based reforms through sustained professional development.

6. To reduce the achievement gaps between student subgroups and promote postsecondary success by providing students with innovative theme-based instruction through systemic reforms in desegregation and equity strategies, cooperative learning practices, and innovative theme-based instruction.