



The Office of the Chancellor  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AIKEN

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Dear USC Aiken Community,

Last night, the Aiken County School Board approved a concept to develop a public high school on USC Aiken's campus.

This high school will be open only to the academically gifted students in the county and will eventually, through a phased-in process, bring 200 freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior-level students to study on our campus, initially in the Ruth Patrick Science Education Center. Qualified juniors and seniors will be able to take dual enrollment courses on our campus.

This is a wonderful opportunity to provide advanced classes to high-performing students, a chance to work more closely with our local schools, and will allow us to introduce the county's gifted students to our highly-ranked university.

The details of the plan are still under discussion and the approval of the South Carolina Department of Education may be needed. Nonetheless, this is a wonderful opportunity for local families and students to gain access to our excellent university and an opportunity for USC Aiken to build relationships with remarkable and talented students.

Our thanks to Gary Senn for providing initial space for classes to begin and to Provost Priest who has been working closely with Superintendent Sean Alford on this project.

Best,

**Sandra Jordan**  
Chancellor