



Lucy Beckham High School

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Lucy Beckham High to provide financial literacy course through grant

Mount Pleasant, SC – Every student in the 10th grade at Lucy Beckham High School (LBHS) will be able to take a financial literacy class thanks to a \$10,000 grant from [Next Gen Personal Finance](#). The organization also recognizes LBHS for meeting the [Gold Standard Challenge](#). Staff members from the school hosted a check presentation today to celebrate their funding from this non-profit organization.

Next Gen Personal Finance's mission is to revolutionize personal finance instruction in all schools and improve the next generation of Americans' financial lives.

Bill Joy, a Mount Pleasant resident and long-term substitute teacher at LBHS, helped the school secure this grant. He is already teaching financial literacy to sophomores at the school.

"This is truly a surprise and an amazing opportunity to build upon our goal of teaching kids financial literacy," Joy said. "It's an idea I've had for a long time, and I was thrilled to find out that there is a terrific organization that is already doing this."

"The class has been a real success so far, and little did we know that our goal of simply exposing our children to personal finance topics would turn into something much more," added Principal Anna Dassing.

Dassing says personal accountability and financial readiness align with the school's motto of "Intelligence, Integrity, and Involvement." Those attributes are also consistent with the beliefs of the school's namesake, the late Lucy Garrett Beckham, a former principal at Wando High School and educational pioneer in the Lowcountry.

"Lucy was focused on relationships and building student independence," explained Dassing. "We are thrilled that this grant will allow us to build on her legacy and, most importantly, prepare our kids for life after high school."

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Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally-accredited school district that is committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 87 schools and specialized programs.

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