



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District and State Special Education Leaders and Partners

**FROM:** John R. Payne, Director  
Office of Special Education Services

**DATE:** September 11, 2015

**RE:** 2015 Fall Special Education Leadership Meeting

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE), Office of Special Education Services (OSSES), will hold the Fall Special Education Leadership Meeting on October 1–2, 2015. The training will be held at the Medallion Conference Center located at 7309 Garners Ferry Road in Columbia, South Carolina and lunch will be provided to registrants.

On both days, registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and sessions will start at 8:30 a.m. and end by 4:00 p.m. Approximately ten different breakout sessions will be held over the two-day meeting. Repeat sessions will be offered allowing participants the opportunity to attend four different sessions.

As part of the Fall Special Education Leadership Meeting, Barbara Drayton from the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE), Office of General Counsel, will provide legal updates regarding special education in South Carolina. Other SCDE staff will provide overview topics such as the South Carolina College and Career Standards, alternative assessments, and student intervention services. We will also discuss the upcoming State Systemic Improvement Plan. Please feel free to invite appropriate staff from your school district or organization, as well as individuals from general education programs.

You may register for the Fall Special Education Leadership Meeting using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-fall-special-education-leadership-meeting-registration-18460078592>. As part of registering for the two day training, please also choose **one** of the breakout sessions that will be held 1:00 p.m.–2:15 p.m. and **one** of the sessions that will be held 2:30 p.m.–3:45 p.m. on Day 1; and, **one** of the breakout sessions that will be held 10:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m. and **one** of the sessions that will be held from 1:00 p.m.–2:15 p.m. on Day 2. **Registration will close on Friday, September 25, 2015.**

Please contact Tresa Diggs, at 803-734-5454 or by email at [tdiggs@ed.sc.gov](mailto:tdiggs@ed.sc.gov), if you have additional questions.

Enclosures: Directions to the Medallion Conference Center  
Draft Agenda

The Medallion Conference Center  
7309 Garners Ferry Road  
Columbia, SC 29209



**Charleston:** Travel on I-26 W toward Columbia. At exit 116, take ramp right for I-77 toward Charlotte. At exit 9-A, take ramp right for US-378/US-76 toward Sumter. Turn right onto US-76/US-378/Garnes Ferry Road. Turn right before the Holiday Inn Express and Suites. Arrive at 7309 Garners Ferry Rd. The Medallion Center is located at the back of the driveway.

**From Greenville:** Travel I-385 S from Greenville. Keep straight onto I-26 E. At exit 116, take ramp left for I-77 toward Charlotte. At exit 9-A, take ramp right for US-378/US-76 toward Sumter. Turn right onto US-76/US-378/Garners Ferry Road. Turn right before the Holiday Inn Express and Suites. Arrive at 7309 Garners Ferry Rd. The Medallion Center is located at the back of the driveway.

**From Rock Hill:** Travel on I-77 S toward Columbia. At exit 9-B, take ramp right for SC-262 toward Garners Ferry Road-West. Turn right onto SC-262/Leesburg Rd. Turn left onto US-76/US-378. Turn right before the Holiday Inn Express and Suites. Arrive at 7309 Garners Ferry Rd. The Medallion Center is located at the back of the driveway.

**From Sumter:** Travel US-76 West/US-378 West. Keep straight onto US-76/US-378/Garners Ferry Road. Turn left after the Holiday Inn Express and Suites. Arrive at 7309 Garners Ferry Rd. The Medallion Center is located at the back of the driveway.

**From Spartanburg:** Travel I-26 E toward Columbia. At exit 116, take ramp left for I-77 toward Charlotte. At exit 9-A, take ramp right for US-378/US-76 toward Sumter. Turn right onto US-76/US-378/Garners Ferry Road. Turn right before the Holiday Inn Express and Suites. Arrive at 7309 Garners Ferry Rd. The Medallion Center is located at the back of the drive

**2015 FALL SPECIAL EDUCATION LEADERSHIP MEETING  
DAY 1 – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2015**

7:30 – 8:30	Registration
8:30 – 8:45	Opening Remarks
8:45 – 9:45	Keynote Speaker
9:45 – 10:00	<b>BREAK</b>
10:00 – 11:45	Office of Special Education Services Updates
11:45 – 1:00	<b>NETWORKING LUNCH</b>
1:00 – 2:15	Breakout Sessions A
2:15 – 2:30	<b>BREAK</b>
2:30 – 3:45	Breakout Sessions B

**DAY 2 – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2015**

7:30 – 8:30	Registration
8:30 – 8:45	Opening Remarks
8:45 – 10:15	South Carolina Department of Education Updates
10:15 – 10:30	<b>BREAK</b>
10:30 – 11:45	Breakout Sessions A
11:45 – 1:00	<b>NETWORKING LUNCH</b>
1:00 – 2:15	Breakout Sessions B
2:15 – 2:30	<b>BREAK</b>
2:30 – 4:00	Legal – Barbara Drayton