



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Instructional Leaders

FROM: Jennifer Anderson, Director
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DATE: September 15, 2015

RE: South Carolina State Reading Plan

The South Carolina Department of Education's (SCDE) Office of Early Learning and Literacy now houses the Read to Succeed team, along with CDEP and Early Learning. We are updating you on the [*South Carolina State Reading Plan*](#), which was approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) on June 10, 2015.

The Read to Succeed legislation (Act 284) requires the SCDE with the approval of the SBE to develop, implement, evaluate, and continuously refine a comprehensive state plan to improve reading achievement for prekindergarten through grade twelve. Our plan has been developed to guide the support of the SCDE for districts and schools. The [*South Carolina State Reading Plan*](#) also provides guidance for district and school plans, supporting the reading and writing development of students with research-based, outcomes-oriented strategies.

District and school reading plans are due **April 25, 2016**. Technical assistance for developing district plans will be provided to instructional leaders and Read to Succeed liaisons. Templates for district and school plans, technical assistance, and more information will be disseminated soon.

Please feel free to contact me (janderson@ed.sc.gov) should you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to continuing and strengthening our partnership this year as we move toward improving literacy throughout South Carolina.