



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Sabrina Moore, Ph.D., Director
Office of Student Intervention Services

DATE: September 15, 2015

RE: 2015–16 Career Specialists Funding Update

The South Carolina General Assembly has appropriated an additional \$2.4 million for Career Specialists salaries and benefits for 2015–16. This amount, combined with the previous appropriation of \$21,362,088, will increase the amount of Career Specialists funding to districts by \$4,762 per FTE, from \$42,385 to \$47,147. This increase will be included in each district's monthly payments, beginning later this month. The attached spreadsheet indicates the number of Career Specialists FTEs to be awarded to each district.

As a reminder, Career Specialists funds may only be used for salary and benefits for guidance personnel (school counselors and career specialists) hired to assist schools in meeting the 300:1 student-to-guidance personnel ratio required by the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA). In accordance with Proviso 1.28, *these funds may not be transferred to any other accounts or used for any other purposes.*

Please ask the district finance officer or EEDA coordinator to submit the names, email addresses, and school locations of all career specialists (including school counselors serving as career specialists) whose positions are either fully or partially funded by the EEDA to SCDE staff member Tiffany Robinson at tarobins@ed.sc.gov by **Friday, September 25, 2015**. After receiving the names of the career specialists, Ms. Robinson will send those individuals instructions for completing the Employment Verification Form (EVF) as required.

If you have any questions, please contact me at smoore@ed.sc.gov, (803) 734-8433.