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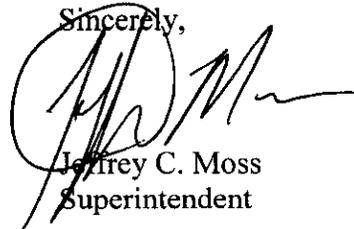
Re: Waiver Request

Dear Mr. Stehle:

Pursuant to 43 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 261, on behalf of the Beaufort County School District ("BCSD") Board of Education I write seeking an exemption from State laws and regulations for the BCSD and a waiver related to elementary and secondary teacher certification. Specifically, the BCSD requests that up to twenty-five percent (25%) of BCSD teachers be exempt from teacher certification requirements so the BCSD is able to employ teachers that may not have traditional teacher certification but do have a college degree and related work experience, especially in hard to fill areas such as World Language, Immersion, Special Education, ESOL, CATE, Media Specialists, and STEM related areas PK-12.

We respectfully request that the State Board of Education review our exemption and waiver request. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey C. Moss  
Superintendent