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Dr. Rachel Harvey
Education Associate
Office of Educator Services
South Carolina Department of Education
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Dear Dr. Harvey,

This is to officially inform the Office of Educator Services that Benedict College has placed the Teaching of Art Program in a state of Dormancy effective 1/15/ 2016. An analysis of graduation rates over the past five years revealed Art Education graduates constitute only 6% of the graduates from the Art area. Given the low enrollment and productivity, we believe the time has come to conduct a thorough assessment of student interest, resource allocation, and the vision for educator preparation at Benedict College. It is our intention to make very intentional and data driven decisions about the future of the program. We believe the Institution will be positioned to make an informed decision no later than Fall of 2017. At that time, we will formally reactivate or terminate the program. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Gina Moore, Chair
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