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Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader  
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South Carolina Department of Education  
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**RE: Regulation 43-205 Waiver Request**

Dear Ms. Prevatt:

Lexington School District Four hereby requests the State Board of Education to waive compliance for the district's Early Childhood Center from Regulation 43-231 Defined Program K-5, (11) C. Guidance Program – A comprehensive guidance program including career awareness, is required in schools having any combination of grades K-5.

The Early Childhood Center serves three-, four-, and five-year-old students through a full-day comprehensive program. Releasing the school from this requirement will allow the district to continue to employ a full-time licensed social worker to serve the school's population.

If granted, this waiver will apply beginning with the 2016-2017 school year and the remaining term of our district's strategic and school renewal plans. Thank you in advance for your consideration to this waiver request.

Sincerely,



Dr. Linda Lavender  
Superintendent