

September 12, 2016

Ms. Darlene Prevatt
Team Leader
Office of Federal & State Accountability
South Carolina Department of Education
1429 Senate Street, Suite 501A
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Re: Regulation 43-232 Waiver Request

Dear Ms. Prevatt:

Beaufort County School District wishes to request a waiver from Regulation 43-232 for Lady's Island Middle School. The regulation addressing the approval of high school credit in middle school states that:

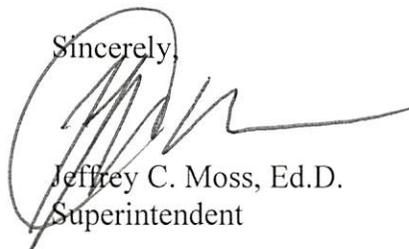
"When approved by the principal and the parents, a student promoted to the seventh or eighth grade may take units of ninth grade or higher work for high school credit."

Three sixth grade students at Lady's Island Middle School have made exceptional growth in mathematics. Each of the students have historically scored Exemplary on the PASS Test, most recently scored Exceeds Expectations on SC Ready, and scored beyond the 90th percentile on each administration of the MAP Test. Referencing the School Renewal Plan (SRP) Standard 3—Goal 1 and Goal 12, we utilize data to make curricular and instructional choices which intend to support challenging learning experiences for all students. These students have the recommendation from their current principal, school counselor, math coach, and the classroom teacher to be placed into Algebra 1 to meet their unique academic needs per our SRP goals.

We understand that the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) supports innovations that provide for increased student achievement through college-and-career-ready programs to meet the vision of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate. In order to meet the needs of this unique group of students, we respectfully request a waiver from Regulation 43-232 for the 2016-17 school year so that our three sixth grade students may receive high school credit for Algebra I.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this waiver request.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey C. Moss, Ed.D.
Superintendent