



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Instructional Leaders

FROM: Julie G. Fowler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent
Division of College and Career Readiness

DATE: April 30, 2015

RE: Selection of Writing Panel Members for the Review and Revision of the *South Carolina Academic Standards for Health and Safety Education 2015*

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is beginning the cyclical review process for the *South Carolina Academic Standards for Health and Safety Education 2015*. As part of this process, the SCDE will appoint a panel to review the currently adopted standards and recommend revisions. The following criteria—comprehensiveness/balance, rigor, measurability, manageability, and organization/communication—will be considered in addition to thoughtful inclusion of content included in current legislation.

I am asking for your assistance in identifying members for the state writing panel by sharing this information with appropriate district staff and other stakeholders. To be considered for the panel, individuals must be recognized as experts in the field of health or safety education, or be recognized as experts in health and safety education standards and assessment. Panel members should be representative of all instructional grade levels, kindergarten through high school. Panel members will be expected to consult with others as they closely review the current health and safety education standards and best practices in health and safety education as suggestions for revisions are made. Every effort will be made to ensure all demographic and geographic areas of the state are represented. Panel members should plan to participate in four to six face-to-face meetings in Columbia.

Nominations must be submitted [online](#) by **5:00 p.m., Friday, May 22, 2015**.

Selected panel members will receive a letter of invitation via email. Additional information regarding the panel meetings will be included with this invitation, and the first meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, 2015, in Columbia. Panel members will be reimbursed for travel and substitutes at the allowable district rate, should they be needed.

Thank you for assisting the SCDE in this very important task. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Christine Beyer at cbeyer@ed.sc.gov, (803) 734-2782.