

Molly Mitchell Spearman was elected as the 18<sup>th</sup> South Carolina State Superintendent of Education on November 4, 2014. Native to Saluda County, Mrs. Spearman's childhood laid the foundations of family, faith, and hard work that transcended into her professional career as an educator and civil servant.

Superintendent Spearman's career has spanned 18 years as a public school music teacher and an assistant principal. In addition to teaching and administration, she has served four terms as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, six years as Deputy Superintendent of the South Carolina Department of Education, and ten years as the Executive Director of the South Carolina Association of School Administrators. She holds a B.A. Degree in music education from Lander University, a Master's Degree in education supervision from George Washington University, and an Education Specialist degree from the University of South Carolina.

As the South Carolina Superintendent of Education, Mrs. Spearman has the experience and relationships needed to move South Carolina's education system forward. Superintendent Spearman strongly believes the foundation for student success lies in effective classroom teachers and principals who facilitate personalized learning for every student, every day. Her vision is for every South Carolina graduate to be prepared for the next step after graduation.

Superintendent Spearman is excited to keep a positive and forward-thinking approach to South Carolina education to promote better schools and brighter futures.