



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

January 30, 2017

The Honorable Henry D. McMaster
Governor
First Floor, State House
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor McMaster:

The purpose of this letter is to fulfill the notification requirements of Proviso 1A.33: IDEA Maintenance of Effort (MOE). This proviso directs use of Aid to District funding to supplement the required state MOE. An initial memorandum was sent to the Governor on November 29, 2016, to inform that the report would be delayed because Hurricane Matthew delayed the 45th day for many districts. This information has since been received and reviewed which enables us to make a more informed estimate.

Based on the best available information as of January 26, 2017, the South Carolina Department of Education estimates the state will exceed the funding necessary to meet maintenance of effort for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for FY 2016–17 by approximately \$35 million.

The largest contributing budget line item for the IDEA MOE is the Education Finance Act (EFA). The increased Base Student Cost for 2016–17 has increased the ability of the state to meet its MOE requirements. Please be reminded that we will not know whether we have met the MOE for FY 2016–17 until the 135 day information is received and reviewed from school districts.

My staff will continue to monitor and provide information as we move through the legislative process. Any questions regarding this matter can be directed to Nancy Williams, Chief Financial Officer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Molly M. Spearman".

Molly M. Spearman
State Superintendent of Education

cc: The Honorable Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr.
The Honorable W. Brian White