



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr., Chairman
Senate Finance Committee

The Honorable Harvey S. Peeler, Jr., Acting Chairman
Senate Education Committee

The Honorable W. Brian White, Chairman
House Ways and Means Committee

The Honorable Merita A. Allison, Chairman
House Education and Public Works Committee

FROM: Nancy W. Williams, CPA
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: October 2, 2017

RE: Proviso 1A.44 Compliance

This letter serves as the required report for proviso 1A.44. The proviso states:

1A.44. (SDE-EIA: Aid to Districts Draw Down) For the current fiscal year, in order to draw down funds appropriated in Part IA, Section 1, VIII.A.1, Aid to Districts, school districts, Palmetto Unified District and the Department of Juvenile Justice must work with local law enforcement agencies, and when necessary, state law enforcement agencies in order to ensure that the district has an updated school safety plan in place. The safety plan must include safety directives in the classroom, a safe student and staff exit strategy and necessary safety staff. Notice of completion of the updated plan must be submitted to the Department of Education no later than September first, of the current fiscal year. The department must report to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee by September thirtieth, of the current fiscal year, on any districts that failed to submit an updated plan.

All districts have submitted the required safety plans as outlined above to the Department's Office of Student Intervention Services.

Please do not hesitate to call me, at 803-734-8108, if you have any questions.