



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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*STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION*

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Hugh K. Leatherman Sr., SC Senate Finance Committee  
The Honorable Harvey S. Peeler, Jr., SC Senate Education Committee  
The Honorable W. Brian White, SC House Ways and Means Committee  
The Honorable Merita Allison, SC House Education and Public Works Committee

**FROM:**   
Nancy W. Williams, CPA  
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** September 28, 2018

**RE:** Proviso 1A.42 Compliance – Aid to Districts Draw Down

This memo serves as compliance to the following proviso in the 2018 Appropriations Act:

**1A.42.** (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. In the current fiscal year, school districts may continue to negotiate with local law enforcement for the provision of School Resource Officers. 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.

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With the exception of Darlington, Dillon Three, and Florence One, all other districts have submitted the Model Safe School Checklist to meet the requirements of Proviso 1A.42.

The districts identified above have notified the SCDE that they have been and are still being negatively impacted by the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. As a result, they have not been able to complete the Checklist as required. The submission deadline for these districts has been extended until October 12. After receiving each of the outstanding Checklists, the SCDE will update this report.

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