MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Anne M. Pressley
Director, Office of Standards and Learning

DATE: August 20, 2019

RE: Selection of the State Standards Writing Committee for the South Carolina Academic Standards and Performance Indicators for Science 2014

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is organizing a State Standards Writing Committee for the revision of the South Carolina Academic Standards and Performance Indicators for Science 2014 as part of the Cyclical Review process. The role of the committee is to develop a draft of revised academic standards aligned with research and best practices in the field to be approved for adoption by the South Carolina Board of Education and the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee.

The SCDE is asking for your assistance in identifying members for the State Standards Writing Committee by sharing this information with district science coordinators, principals, department chairs, and the greater science community. To be considered for the State Standards Writing Committee, individuals must meet the following requirements:

- State Standards Writing Committee members must be recognized as master teachers or experts in the field of Science and have taught or supervised for at least three years;

- Applicants must complete the linked application which includes approval to participate from their district superintendent or immediate supervisor. It is advised that applicants review the necessary requirements and supporting documentation prior to completing the survey.
Selected applicants will receive a letter of invitation to serve on the State Standards Writing Committee in April 2020. The State Standards Writing Committee will hold its first meeting on June 15, 2020. The majority of the meetings will occur during the summer of 2020. Panel members will be reimbursed for travel, hotel accommodations, and substitute teachers for meetings according to state guidelines. Lunch will be provided, and every effort will be made to ensure that all geographic areas of the state are represented.

The application will open Thursday, September 21, 2019. Candidates must apply via the application link no later than Friday, April 17, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

Thank you for assisting the SCDE in this task. If you have questions regarding this process, please contact Gwendolynn Shealy at gshealy@ed.sc.gov.