



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

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Superintendents  
Principals  
Professional Development for District Personnel

**FROM:** Sabrina Moore, PhD  
Director, Office of Student Intervention Services

**DATE:** August 24, 2021

**RE:** 2021 Family and Community Engagement Virtual Summit

The South Carolina Department of Education, in partnership with the Carolina Family and Community Engagement Center, will host the **2021 Family and Community Engagement Virtual Summit, September 17, 2021, from 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.** The Virtual Summit, **Moving Beyond Family Night: Renew, Reboot, Reengage**, is designed to help participants better understand the positive impact of family-school-community partnerships on student academic, social, and emotional wellbeing.

State Superintendent of Education, Molly Spearman, will open the Summit; and Dr. Tammy Pawloski, a Professor of Education and Director of the Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty at Francis Marion University, will serve as the keynote speaker. During concurrent sessions, experts will provide practical strategies for implementing and enhancing family and community engagement initiatives. To conclude the Summit, Dr. J. R. Green, Superintendent of Fairfield County Schools and member of the State Board of Education, will inspire participants to work collaboratively for the sake of the children.

For more information about the Virtual Summit and to register, go to [2021 Engagement Summit](#).

If you have questions, please contact Regina Thurmond, Family and Community Engagement Liaison, at [rthurmond@ed.sc.gov](mailto:rthurmond@ed.sc.gov)