



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

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Aveene Coleman  
Interim Director, Office of Student Intervention Services

**DATE:** August 15, 2023

**RE:** 2023 Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Summit

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE), in partnership with the Carolina Family Engagement Center and SERVE Region 6 Comprehensive Center at UNC Greensboro, will host the in-person, annual **2023 FACE Summit from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at the Cooperative Conference Center, 169, Laurelhurst Avenue, Columbia, SC 29210.** This year's Summit can benefit family-facing professionals, educators, administrators, who are focused on collaborative school, family, and community partnerships. The Summit aims to share family engagement supports relevant for all students.

Mr. Vito Borrello, Executive Director of the National Association for Family, School, and Community Engagement (NAFSCE), will deliver the keynote address, and a special message from Colonel Mark Huhtanen, U.S. Army, will highlight key practices for supporting military parents and families. 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 close the Summit with a call to commit to leveraging innovative and collaborative practices that enhance family engagement and support student success!

The Summit is free and provides a great networking opportunity that encourages educators to **Connect. Engage. Inspire.**

To register or for additional information, visit the [FACE Summit website](https://www.ed.sc.gov/face-summit).

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

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