

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Principals

FROM: Ellen Weaver
State Superintendent of Education

DATE: September 1, 2026

RE: 25th Anniversary Commemoration of September 11, 2001

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) encourages all schools across the state to join together in commemorating the 25th anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2001, by observing a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. to mark the moment American Airlines Flight 11 struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City.

This anniversary provides an opportunity to honor the lives lost, remember the sacrifices made by first responders, members of the Armed Forces, and ordinary citizens, and reflect on the courage, resilience, unity, and spirit of service that emerged in response to the attacks.

For helpful guidance and age-appropriate resources on teaching about and honoring September 11 in the classroom, [click here](#).