



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Molly M. Spearman
State Superintendent of Education

DATE: July 17, 2020

RE: District Reopening Plans

This memo provides guidance to districts on the components required to be included in all reopening plans.

To be approved, plans must answer all questions posed in the school reopening survey sent on June 10, 2020, as well as include:

1. A virtual option for all students
 - Districts may choose to deliver their own virtual program, take advantage of VirtualSC, suggest enrollment in one of the public charter virtual schools, or contract the service.
 - Districts must ensure that any virtual model includes at least an initial in-person contact with students. Intermittent face-to-face contact with students is also strongly encouraged.
2. An in-person option for all students
 - Hybrid/blended learning models will be considered an in-person option for students.
 - If a five day a week face-to-face instruction model can be safely offered, districts are encourage to do so; however, it is not required for plan approval.
3. A timeframe for when districts intend to review operational plans so that implementation of a full face-to-face instruction model can be worked towards as health and safety conditions improve.

4. Establish how high quality instruction will be provided, regardless of instructional model, and demonstrate how a broad range of student services will be provided. This includes ensuring all federal and state law requirements are met.

If a district has previously submitted their plan prior to receipt of this memo, there is no need to resubmit. The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) will communicate with districts to ensure these requirements will be met.

The deadline to submit the plan or request an extension remains 12:00 p.m. on July 17, 2020. Please email dmathis@ed.sc.gov. Once the district submits its plan, the SCDE will engage the district with any questions prior to approval.