TO:  District Superintendents  
     District Technology Leaders  
     District Instructional Leaders  
     District Information Security/Privacy Leaders  
     District PowerSchool Coordinators  

FROM:  Brian Pratt  
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RE:  District Technology Advisory Group  

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) created the District Technology Advisory Group (SC-DTAG) initiative in 2016 for districts and the SCDE to collaborate and communicate on technology-related initiatives.  

The SC-DTAG serves in an advisory capacity to the agency. The advisory group consists of the main group, SC-DTAG, and includes three sub-advisory areas: Data Systems (DSAG), Instructional Technology (INTAG), and Information Security, Privacy, and Technology (ISPTAG).  

SC-DTAG facilitates communication and collaboration between districts and the SCDE. SC-DTAG is not intended to replace or be a substitute for any existing professional technology organizations such as the District Technology Leaders Roundtable, or other district technology meetings/organizations. SC-DTAG member’s work with the SCDE to develop a more comprehensive framework where ideas can be shared; suggestions and recommendations can be made; and issues and solutions around technology integration, infrastructure and systems, information security, and data management can be addressed.  

Every district superintendent, or designee of the superintendent, can nominate up to eight candidates. Individual nominees can only serve on one sub-advisory area during his or her term.
All terms will be three years. Candidates must be a full-time district employee who possesses knowledge, skills, and expertise in the area where they may potentially serve.

Once nominated, an electronic voting process will take place. This will allow every district superintendent or designee, to select eight members for each of the four sub-advisory areas. Membership will be based on representation of three tiers defined by the SCDE. Elected district representatives may serve up to three consecutive yearly terms.

The nomination process for the 2020 SC-DTAG sub-advisory groups will begin May 12, 2020. All district superintendents will receive an individual request to submit nominations. This year, two separate online polls will be opened – one for nominations and the other for elections. District superintendent or designee of the superintendent, nominations will be accepted May 12–19, 2020. The election period will be May 26–June 2, 2020.

An overview of each sub-advisory group is included with this memo for your review and consideration. All district superintendents will receive an individual request to submit nominations.

Enclosure