



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

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Superintendents  
Volunteer Coordinators  
Public Information Officers

**FROM:** Mandy Roberts  
District Liaison  
Division of Strategic Engagement

**DATE:** April 23, 2024

**RE:** District Volunteer and Community Engagement Support Survey

In seeking ways to support local districts and schools, SCDE has piloted the first phase of a service and support initiative – *Project Raise Your Hand* with neighboring schools in Richland One. The positive data and feedback from staff and schools has fueled our hope in expanding capacity across our state for sustained community engagement.

To help us make informed decisions that can maximize support and benefit for schools, we are asking for input from all districts. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey by accessing the [Volunteer Support Survey link](#) by **Friday, May 3rd, 2024**.

While I am sensitive to the busy time of year, please know that your **feedback is important and needed**. Should you have any questions or additional input to share that the survey doesn't address, you are welcome to contact me at [mroberts@ed.sc.gov](mailto:mroberts@ed.sc.gov) or by phone 803-734-8559.

There are many who have "raised their hand of support" to serve at special school events, participate in career fairs, read to classes, support classroom teachers, tutor and mentor students, and offer to provide adult financial literacy workshops. We have only begun to realize the power of partnership and what is possible in developing successful students and supporting fantastic teachers in South Carolina!