STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
    Principals
    District Military Liaisons

FROM: Molly M. Spearman
       State Superintendent of Education

DATE: April 22, 2020

RE: Military Travel Ban – School Choice and Elective Programs

The Pentagon has issued a “Stop Movement” order for all branches of the armed services, which extends through June 30, 2020. The “Stop Movement” order halts most military and domestic travel, including permanent change of stations for military families.

As a result of the order, districts should anticipate that impacted military families may be hindered from meeting deadlines imposed by districts for student choice and other elective programs. Thus, it is imperative that each district has a contingency plan that affords military students an opportunity to apply for and participate in student choice and other elective programs for the upcoming school year.

As we continue to celebrate April as the Month of the Military Child, I extend appreciation for all that you and your staff continue to do for not only military students, but all students in South Carolina.

If you have any questions regarding supports for military students, please contact Yolandé Anderson, Director of the Office of Family and Community Engagement, at yanderson@ed.sc.gov.