



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Instructional Leaders
Principals
Assistant Principals
District Math Coordinators

FROM: Dr. Alisha Green
Director, Office of Early Learning and Literacy

DATE: October 22, 2024

RE: Palmetto Math Project

This memorandum contains important information regarding the Palmetto Math Project. The Palmetto Math Project was conceived out of an instructional need state-wide to increase mathematical achievement in underperforming schools. Underperforming schools, defined as one half or more of students in the Does Not Meet category on the 2024 SC READY Math assessment in the 5th and/or 8th grade, will work with SCDE Math Specialists to strengthen numeracy outcomes.

Math Specialist support will consist of job-embedded professional learning through onsite visits and monthly Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) with math teachers, math coaches and school leadership teams. A data-based problem-solving approach will be utilized to identify strengths and possibilities for growth around student achievement for all stakeholders.

A pilot of ten eligible schools will comprise the first Palmetto Math Project cohort with support beginning in January 2025. The OELL will contact superintendents in the pilot cohort with additional details.

Should you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Schumpert at eschumpert@ed.sc.gov.