SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Administrators
School Counseling and Career Guidance Personnel

FROM: Josh Black
Director, Office of Career Readiness

DATE: September 22, 2026

RE: Revised School Counseling and Career Guidance Model

The Office of Career Readiness announces the launch of the revised **South Carolina School Counseling and Career Guidance Model**.

The model aligns with the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate, the Education and Economic Development Act of 2005, and the South Carolina Character Education Act. It provides a comprehensive, data-driven framework for delivering high-quality K-12 programming that supports every student.

The model draws on the specialized expertise of school counselors and career specialists to strengthen best practices, enhance services for every student statewide, and integrate school counseling and career guidance within a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework. It also supports students in developing durable skills across three foundational domains: Learning to Learn, Learning to Work, and Learning to Live.

This revised framework, the model's first comprehensive update in nearly a decade, reflects current alignment, evolving student needs, and school counseling and career development best practices for South Carolina. We sincerely appreciate the review team's expertise, collaboration, and dedication to this work.

For additional information about the South Carolina School Counseling and Career Guidance Model, please contact Dr. Erin Clarke, Elementary and Middle School Levels, at **emclarke@ed.sc.gov**, or Clayton Henke, High School Level, at **cwhenke@ed.sc.gov**.