MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Anne M. Pressley  
Director, Office of Standards and Learning

DATE: May 12, 2020

RE: Selection of the State Standards Review Panel for the 2015 South Carolina Academic Standards for English Language Arts

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is organizing a Standards Review Pane for the revision of the 2015 South Carolina Academic Standards for English Language Arts. The role of the panel in the cyclical review process is to evaluate the current standards and make recommendations for revision.

I am asking for your assistance in identifying members for the State Standards Review Panel by sharing the following information with district English Language Arts (ELA) education coordinators, principals, department chairs, literacy leaders, and the greater ELA education community. To be considered for the State Standards Review Panel, individuals must meet the following requirements:

- State Standards Review Panel members must be recognized as leaders and/or experts in the field of English Language Arts (taught or supervised for at least three years).

- Applicants must complete the linked application which includes approval to participate from their district superintendent or immediate supervisor. It is advised that applicants review the application for necessary requirements prior to completing the form.

Selected applicants will receive an email of invitation to serve on the State Standards Review Panel in August 2020. State Standards Review Panel is scheduled to meet face to face on September 25, 2020 and October 1-2, 2020. Panel members will be reimbursed for travel, hotel accommodations, and substitute teachers for meetings according to state guidelines. Lunch will
also be provided. Every effort will be made to ensure demographic and geographic areas of the state are represented.

The application will open May 12, 2020. Candidates must apply via the application link no later than Friday, September 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Thank you for assisting the SCDE in this task. If you have questions regarding this process, please contact Cindy Oxford at coxford@ed.sc.gov, Nita Lyda at jlyda@ed.sc.gov, or Dawn Hawkins at dhawkins@ed.sc.gov.