



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Business Officials
District IT Leaders

FROM: Steven Strother
Director of Finance, Office of Finance

DATE: February 15, 2022

RE: Technical Assistance Funding

According to Proviso 1.69 (SDE: Technology Technical Assistance), of the funds appropriated in VIII – Technology for the K-12 Technology Initiative, the Department is authorized to withhold up to \$350,000 in order to provide technical assistance to school districts. According to Proviso 1.70 (SDE: Technology Technical Assistance) funds appropriated to the Department of Education for Technology Technical Assistance must be used to increase the capacity of districts, first who are or were the original trial and plaintiff school districts in the Abbeville law suit, and then other districts that need such assistance. Funds shall be used by the department to assist school districts in procuring appropriate technology to include devices and infrastructure and to build capacity to offer online testing and increased access.

The K-12 Technology Initiative Funding for \$1,000 will be released to your district beginning with the February monthly payments for the Abbeville Plaintiff Districts and the March monthly payments for all other qualifying districts. The funds will be released under sub-fund 399 and revenue 3599-E. The funds are for use by District IT Leaders/Staff to help enable their technical skills and strategic planning in supporting teaching and learning.

This funding allocated to the district is for the specific purpose of providing School District Technology Technical Assistance via District Technology Leaders/Staff. These are non-recurring funds and must be expended by June 30, 2022.

The permissible use of these funds for District Technology Leaders/Staff would include cost associated with attending in-person/virtual professional training events, technical conferences

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and classes related to education technology which will assist with increasing the school district capacity to provide:

- Secure Online Testing,
- Increased access to technological and online resources to support student development and achievement,
- Technology Strategic Planning Tools,
- Technology Collaboration,
- Professional Development (support teaching and learning), and
- Secure Network Connectivity and Internet Access.

The use of funds will be monitored, and a reporting tool will be sent to you shortly.

If you have questions, please email me at sgstrother@ed.sc.gov.