



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Molly M. Spearman
State Superintendent of Education

DATE: May 16, 2018

RE: The South Carolina Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers

The South Carolina Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers (SC-PRRMT) is an Education Improvement Act funded program that seeks to promote teaching as a career choice by publicizing the many career opportunities and benefits in the field of education in the State of South Carolina. The mission of the Program is to increase the pool of teachers in the State by making education accessible to non-traditional students (teacher assistants, career path changers, and technical college transfer students) and by providing an academic support system to help students meet entry, retention, and exit program requirements.

In collaboration with South Carolina State University's Department of Teacher Education, the Program is authorized by the South Carolina General Assembly to establish and maintain Satellite Teacher Education Program (off-campus) sites throughout the state. SC-PRRMT also administers an EIA Forgivable Loan Program and participates in state, regional, and national teacher recruitment initiatives.

Since 1996 SC-PRRMT has placed 220 graduates in South Carolina schools and can be used as a tool in addressing the teacher shortage in our state. Please consider learning more about this program and allowing eligible faculty and staff to earn their teaching degree through the SC-PRRMT Program. For more information about SC-PRRMT, please contact Reinell Thomas-Myers, Program Manager, rathomas@scsu.edu or 803-536-8818.

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