



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
State Board of Education
District Instructional Materials Coordinators

FROM: Molly M. Spearman
State Superintendent of Education

DATE: November 9, 2021

RE: Virtual Public Review for Instructional Materials

The Instructional Materials Review Panels have finalized their instructional materials recommendations for the 2021 adoption cycle. The student editions of each of the recommended programs will be on display from November 9 through December 9, 2021, at 15 review locations across the state and available virtually using publisher-provided links. A report of the Review Panel recommendations with citizen comments from the public review will be submitted to the State Board of Education on December 14, 2021. Upon approval of the panel recommendations, districts and schools will receive notification of the newly adopted materials.

We would like to invite you and members of your district and community to participate in the public review. The following [press release](#) provides the link to the South Carolina Department of Education's website to access information on the virtual public review. Please assist us by distributing this information to appropriate persons in your district and schools.

This is a fitting time for each district to review their own purchased texts including those used in classrooms, libraries, and media centers to ensure they are age and content appropriate. Schools and districts should not rely solely on publishers' vetting. We must work alongside students, families, and educators for this process to be successful.