



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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Missed last week's memos?

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IMPORTANT DATES

[NSLP Subgrant Technical Assistance Webinar](#) (12/8/2022)

[Academic Recovery Plan Updates](#) (12/15/2022)

[Professional Development for Educators](#) (through 12/20/2022)

[Preschool Curriculum Showcase Registration](#) (12/30/2022)

GRANTS

National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Subgrant Opportunity

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, School Principals, School Food Directors/Supervisors, Public Information Officers

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that the 2022–24 Request for Proposals for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Assistance subgrant is now available online. Up to \$1,539,248 in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis and the deadline to apply is **January 23, 2023**.

The SCDE will award equipment assistance subgrants via a competitive process to school food authorities for schools participating in the NSLP. Applicants must justify how the requested equipment will help them serve healthier meals, improve food safety, and support the maintenance and/or expansion of the School Breakfast Program. No subgrant will be awarded for more than \$25,000.

[National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Subgrant Opportunity - Memo](#)
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STUDENT INTERVENTION SERVICES

School Safety Trainings

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Principals, District Safety Directors, Instructional Leaders, School Counseling Personnel Directors, Student Services Coordinators

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The Office of Student Intervention Services will host a series of Enhancing School Safety trainings for school administrators, safety directors, educators, and other staff. These trainings will be offered in January and February 2023 at no cost, and are designed to provide participants with information, strategies, and resources to improve safety and climate in their respective schools.

[School Safety Trainings - Memo](#) PDF (203 KB)

TRANSPORTATION

18-Year-Old Student School Bus Drivers

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Transportation Directors

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is interested in piloting an initiative that could lessen our current school bus driver shortage. This pilot will provide a curriculum and pathway for 18-year-old high schoolers to acquire a Commercial Driver's License (CDL).

Students will acquire another employable skill—a Class B CDL with Passenger and School Bus Endorsements along with SCDE School Bus Driver Certification—and can potentially help relieve driver shortages before and after graduation.

[18-Year-Old Student School Bus Drivers - Memo](#) PDF (137 KB)

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