



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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Missed last week's memos?

All SCDE weekly memo communications are archived [here](#). Individual memos can be found on the [School District Memoranda Archive](#).

DHEC UPDATES

DHEC would like to make districts aware of the following information:

SC DHEC is assessing the possibility of providing grant-funded portable room air cleaners to public school districts and charter schools, based on interest level, funding, and available supplies. Portable air cleaners might be used in nurses' offices and other rooms with an elevated risk of infectious disease spread to reduce infectious particles and increase air quality. In order to determine feasibility for this project, please fill out this [interest form](#) to indicate below how many portable room air cleaners your school district or charter school would like to request. Coordinate with administration to submit one form per district or charter school.

CONTRACTS

Educator Contracts for the 2023-24 School Year

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents

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Many of you have begun the process of contracting with teachers for the upcoming 2023-24 school year. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the South Carolina statutory provisions which govern the contracting process between districts and teachers. This memorandum specifically deals with the timing requirements of notice of employment between a district and a teacher.

[Educator Contracts for the 2023-24 School Year - Memo](#) PDF (228 KB)

GRANTS

South Carolina Summer Arts Institutes Registration 2023

AUDIENCE: Arts Curricular Innovative Grants Managers, District Arts Coordinators
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This memorandum provides you with the registration [link](#) and information for the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) 2023 Summer Arts Institutes through the Arts Curricular Innovation Grants. There have been revisions to the registration process. Please ensure all parties read the information before proceeding to the registration link.

[South Carolina Summer Arts Institutes Registration 2023 - Memo](#) PDF (215 KB)

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Instruction Hub and Learning Management Showcase

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Instructional Leaders, Technology Directors
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The Instruction Hub & Learning Management System Showcase will take place on March 17, 2023, from 9:30am to 3:00pm at Lexington High School in Lexington, South Carolina.

The showcase is an opportunity to learn more about the Instruction Hub, statewide vendor content available in the Hub, and the different learning management systems being used in South Carolina.

[Instruction Hub and Learning Management Showcase - Memo](#) PDF (132 KB)

STANDARDS

Resources for the South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Science Standards 2021

AUDIENCE: Instructional Leaders, Science Coordinators
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The Office of Assessment and Standards (OAS) is working to develop resources to support instruction, assessment, and student learning for the South Carolina College- and Career-Ready (SC CCR) Science Standards 2021. There are a variety of resources currently available with more in development.

[Resources for the South Carolina- College and Career-Ready Science Standards 2021 - Memo](#) PDF (190 KB)

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 March through June 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 (196 KB)

"The Puzzle of You" Book Club for Middle School and High School

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Student Services Directors, Principals, Mental Health Professionals

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The Office of Student Intervention Services is hosting a book club for middle and high school students. The virtual book club will be classroom wide, teachers will receive lesson plans and books will be provided to all participants.

[The Puzzle of You Book Club for Middle School and High School - Memo](#) PDF (201 KB)

SURVEY

Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee Survey

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents

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The Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children requests your assistance in identifying and quantifying job vacancies across your school district. The Committee was created by statute to research children's issues in South Carolina and to offer policy and legislative recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly.

[Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee Survey - Memo](#) PDF (137 KB)

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