



## SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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## HOT SPOTS

### Applications for Free Internet Service and Hotspots; Special Pricing for District-Paid Internet

**AUDIENCE:** District Superintendents

**CONTACT:** [Hotspots@ed.sc.gov](mailto:Hotspots@ed.sc.gov)

**Reminder to Priority Districts:** Priority Ordering Ends July 27

**Notice to All Other Districts:** Orders Will Open July 27

Some of you are receiving direct contact from vendors about the offer of free internet through the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) under Act 142. This is the program about which you have received two prior memoranda from on [June 30](#) and [July 7](#). As noted, the law requires ORS to give priority to districts in counties with poverty levels of 86 percent or more. Yesterday, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent those priority districts the information on the priority applications. That priority ends on July 27, at which time all districts will receive an application packet with: a memorandum with instructions from the SCDE; a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ORS and the district; an ORS application form; an SCDE application form (for educators and non-poverty students at district expense); and a draft of the reporting template that will be required. Please review the memo linked below for further information.

SCDE staff members will be reaching out to the contacts you have identified in survey responses to review the offers and answer questions.

[Applications for Free Internet Service and Hotspots; Special Pricing for District-Paid Internet - Memo](#) PDF (211 KB)

[ORS Online Learning Initiative - Memorandum of Understanding](#) PDF (249 KB)

## MENTAL HEALTH

### FREE Youth Mental Health First Aid Training-of-Trainers Course

**AUDIENCE:** District Superintendents, Professional Development for District Personnel  
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The Office of Student Intervention Services will host two virtual sessions of Youth Mental Health First Aid Training-of-Trainers for district-level administrators.

The first session will be held from 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. on September 8–10; the second session will be held during the same time period on September 22–24. Please refer to the memo linked below for further information.

[FREE Youth Mental Health First Aid Training-of-Trainers Course - Memo](#) PDF (180 KB)

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