



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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HOTSPOTS

2021-22 School Year Hotspot Program Updates

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Information Technology Leaders

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The South Carolina Department of Education, Office of the Chief Information Officer, will be transitioning the billing of the hotspots and wired connections that were obtained through the Online Learning Initiative to the associated school districts effective August 1, 2021. Please plan accordingly if you intend to provide hotspots to your students after this date. For example, you may wish to amend the district's ESSER budgets to include the monthly service fees for hotspots so that these expenditures can be reimbursed.

Please note that there are several no- and low-cost options available currently; information on these offers is linked on our [website](#).

[2021-22 School Year Hotspot Program Updates - Memo](#) PDF (132 KB)

POWERSCHOOL

PowerSchool Enterprise Controller and eCollect

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Report Card Coordinators, Technology Coordinators, PowerSchool Coordinators

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South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) has purchased two systems from PowerSchool to support data quality and accountability requirements. The SCDE purchased PowerSchool Enterprise Controller, which will be used to update PowerSchool databases with new data fields, reference fields and facilitate distribution of common forms across the PowerSchool implementations. The Enterprise Controller will be part of the toolset utilized by the District Data Governance Group to maintain the Ed-Fi Operational Data Store (ODS) and

the distribution of survey instruments for accountability.

The SCDE has also purchased Ecollect Forms as a tool for administering required accountability surveys. The tool will also be available for district use. Ecollect distributes forms/surveys to students, parents, and staff. Ecollect uses parent portal to gather information and is capable of writing the information directly back to the PowerSchool database and returning it through the ODS. Ecollect has a base set of forms for district use as part of its initial implementation and the SCDE plan to distribute the annual parent, teacher, and student surveys using this instrument. For those districts already using Ecollect Forms, you should no longer see this item on your statement renewal from PowerSchool.

[PowerSchool Enterprise Controller and eCollect - Memo](#) PDF (178 KB)

PROVISO 1.108

Proviso 1.108 Guidance and Face Coverings on School Buses Update

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents

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The purpose of this memo is to provide guidance related to Proviso 1.108 (SDE: Mask Mandate Prohibition) and update the face coverings on school buses requirement. Proviso 1.108 was adopted by the General Assembly in the 2021-22 Appropriations Bill and reads as follows:

1.108. (SDE: Mask Mandate Prohibition): No school district, or any of its schools, may use any funds appropriated or authorized pursuant to this act to require that its students and/or employees wear a facemask at any of its education facilities. This prohibition extends to the announcement or enforcement of any such policy.

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) interprets the above language to mean that school districts are prohibited from requiring students and employees to wear a facemask while in any of its educational facilities for the 2021-22 school year. Educational facilities include all property owned and operated by the individual district.

[Proviso 1.108 Guidance and Face Coverings on School Buses Update - Memo](#) PDF (189 KB)

