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AccelerateED

AccelerateED Task Force Releases Final Guidance and Recommendations for 2020-2021 School Year

The AccelerateED task force and Superintendent Spearman have released their final guidance and recommendations for the 2020-21 school year.

- [DedicationtoEducation.com](https://www.dedicationtoeducation.com) includes audience-based resources for parents and students, educators and districts and schools.
- Find the summary that highlights key excerpts from the full plan [here](#).
- Read the full recommendations [here](#).

ACCOUNTABILITY

Authorized Signature Form for Fiscal Year 2020–21

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, School Business Officials

CONTACT: Kim Moss, kmoss@ed.sc.gov

The Office of Finance needs to update the authorized signature form for the superintendent and designee(s). Please complete the attached form and submit to Kim Moss at kmoss@ed.sc.gov by **Friday, August 7, 2020**.

[Authorized Signature Form for Fiscal Year 2020–21 - Memo](#) PDF (141 KB)

[Authorized Signature Form – FY 2020–2021 - Attachment](#) PDF (123 KB)

FACILITIES

School Facilities Portal System Release to Chapter

One Inspectors

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Facilities Managers

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The Office of School Facilities (OSF) is pleased to release the “School Facilities Portal”, a new electronic database system for effectively managing all public K-12 construction and renovation projects in South Carolina. The system will provide a one-stop shop for districts, design professionals, Chapter One Inspectors, and other state agencies to obtain the status of a project in real-time and per the South Carolina School Facilities Planning and Construction Guide. Please review the memo linked below for further details.

[School Facilities Portal System Release to Chapter One Inspectors - Memo](#) PDF (162 KB)

HOT SPOTS

Update on Act 142 on Free Hotspots and Service Plans

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, State Accreditation Contacts, Web Access Coordinators

CONTACT: Hotspots@ed.sc.gov

On Wednesday, June 30, a notice was sent to district superintendents introducing one of the provisions of Act 142, which was signed into law last week on June 25. The Act directs the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) to work with the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) to “procure mobile hotspots and monthly service through December 2020 for distribution to a minimum of one hundred thousand households.” Please refer to the memo linked below concerning the compiling of information to submit with the application for hotspots.

[Update on Act 142 on Free Hotspots and Service Plans - Memo](#) PDF (210 KB)

LEAP DAYS

Learn, Evaluate, Analyze, & Prepare (LEAP) Added Instructional Days

The SCDE has created a document to provide additional information regarding the funding approved by the General Assembly for five additional instructional days at the start of the school year for students in grades 4K through eighth grade. These five days have been identified as Learn, Evaluate, Analyze, and Prepare (LEAP) days and are mandatory for all districts. LEAP days must be used for face-to-face assessment activities and/or instruction. This document also includes information on legislatively required pre-and post-assessments.

[Learn, Evaluate, Analyze, & Prepare \(LEAP\) Added Instructional Days Pre- and Post-Assessment Requirements](#) PDF (220 KB)

PROCUREMENT

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) continues to receive reports from the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) that school districts are

contacting their agency in an effort to receive personal protective equipment (PPE). School districts are responsible for the purchase of PPE outside of what the SCDE has provided (information below). SCEMD should **NOT** be contacted by school districts for the purchase or supply of PPE. SCEMD's PPE orders and distribution are for health care providers only. If your district is having difficulty finding PPE suppliers, you can contact the SCDE procurement director, Elsie Montgomery, via email - EMontgomery@ed.sc.gov. The SCDE's Procurement Office has also developed a dedicated web page of PPE suppliers with their contact information for use by school districts.

[SCDE COVID-19 Procurement Webpage](#)

SCDE provided PPE:

Summer

Cloth Masks – Shipped directly from SCDE (one mask per Teacher and Teacher Aide)

Cloth Masks – Shipped from Greenwood Mills/ Single Source Apparel (one mask per student)

Cloth Masks – Shipped from Rhodes Branding (one mask per student)

Overall, this means that each student will receive two masks and teachers/aides will receive one mask each for summer programming.

2020-2021 School Year:

Cloth masks for 2020-21 school year will be shipped no later than July 15th from Gibbs International (vendor) or directly from SCDE. Each teacher, school nutrition staff member (employed by the district), and custodian (employed by the district) should receive five masks. Cloth masks for bus drivers will be sent through the SCDE Transportation Office.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Social Emotional Learning Webinar Series (UPDATE)

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

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Due to the overwhelming response to the Supporting the SEL Needs of Educators and Students webinar series hosted by the Office of Student Intervention Services, the links for accessing the remaining three webinars have changed to accommodate 300 additional participants, for a total of 500. Please refer to the memo below for further details about the webinars.

[COVID-19: Social Emotional Learning Webinar Series \(UPDATE\) - Memo](#) PDF (142 KB)

