



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](#).

COVID-19

Updated DHEC Guidance Documents

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) continues to update their school based guidance documents with the latest public health information related to COVID-19. Please take a moment to review this important information.

[School & Childcare Centers \(COVID-19\)](#)

[Recent Disease Activity by County Report](#) (as of 11/5/2020)

[COVID-19 Cases Associated with Staff & Students](#) (as of 11/10/2020)

NUTRITION

National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Subgrant Opportunity

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

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that the 2020–22 Request for Proposals for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Equipment Assistance subgrant is now available online. Up to \$512,852 in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis and the deadline to apply is January 7, 2021.

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. Subgrant awards per school will range from \$15,000 to a maximum of \$25,000.

REPORTING

Annual Audit Report Submission

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Career and Technology Education Directors, School Business Officials

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In accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 59-17-100 (Supp. 2017), the required due date for submission of your annual single audit report is December 1, 2020. Pursuant to authority granted to the State Superintendent of Education under Act 135 (Continuing Resolution), flexibility has been authorized and extended to South Carolina Code § 59-17-100 and State Board of Regulation § 43-172 (II). Specifically, the requirement of school districts to submit an audit report to the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) by December 1, regarding the prior fiscal year, has been extended to January 15, 2021.

[Annual Audit Report Submission - Memo](#) PDF (224 KB)

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Request for Information: School-level SROs

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Principals

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In preparation for the FY21 budget, the Governor's Office has requested the names of schools that do not currently have at least one full-time school resource officer (SRO) assigned.

To facilitate this request, the South Carolina Department of Education is requesting that all principals complete and submit the following brief survey, accessible via the following link, [2020–21 SRO Survey](#). All surveys should be completed and submitted by Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

[Request for Information: School-level SROs - Memo](#) PDF (137 KB)

TRAINING

Upcoming 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 are designed to provide participants with practical strategies and resources to expand their capacity to develop high quality emergency operations plans and offer enhanced safety and social emotional support services and activities for staff and students.

2020-21 COVID-19 Training for School Bus Drivers

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE), working in conjunction with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has developed a set of protocols for all school bus drivers to follow to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The 2020-21 COVID-19 training was created to help drivers understand their responsibilities and the actions they must take in this ongoing effort.

[2020-21 COVID-19 Training for School Bus Drivers - Memo](#) PDF (158 KB)

