



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 CASES

COVID-19 Cases Associated with Staff and Students

As of November 17, 2021, DHEC has reported the following student and staff quarantines and isolations since the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year:

- 241,383 student quarantines
- 54,329 student isolations
- 6,269 staff quarantines
- 6,354 staff isolations

[Student, Staff Isolation & Quarantine Report](#) (as of 11/17/2021)

[South Carolina County-Level Data for COVID-19](#) (as of 11/21/2021)

SING IT TO WIN IT



The South Carolina Department of Education has partnered with DHEC to launch a statewide

jingle competition encouraging K-12 students to channel their creativity for a COVID-19 vaccine campaign. The jingle campaign, Sing It to Win It, is an extension of the ongoing In It to Win It vaccine campaign. Students are encouraged to record an original 0:15-0:30 tune or jingle promoting the COVID-19 vaccine. Submissions will be reviewed and five finalists will be published to the SCDE and DHEC social media channels for a popular vote. Learn more by clicking the link below.

[State Agencies Partner on COVID-19 Jingle Campaign](#)

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY CALENDAR

2022 South Carolina African American History Calendars Now Available

Orders for the 2022 South Carolina African American History Calendar are now being accepted. Schools and districts are encouraged to place their orders as soon as possible to ensure fulfillment is met.

[2022 South Carolina African American History Calendar Online Ordering Portal](#)

AUDITING

Annual Audit Report Submission

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Career and Technical 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, 2021. Timely submission of the annual audit report is a factor in the South Carolina Department of Education's (SCDE's) risk assessment of local educational agencies (LEAs), which is used to make federal grant award decisions. In addition, per Section 59-20-90, the State Superintendent of Education shall declare a school district to be in a state of "fiscal caution" if a district submits an annual audit more than sixty days after the deadline. Late submission of the annual audit report may also negatively affect the district's accreditation and risk rating under the Uniform Grant Guidance. Transmittal of the audit report package is the responsibility of the school district.

[Annual Audit Report Submission - Memo](#) PDF (219 KB)

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

SREB Making Schools Work (High Schools That Work)

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Career and Technical Education Administrators

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The Office of Career and Technical Education & Student Transitions Services (OCTE & STS) and the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) are working together to ensure that our

Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs prepare every child to graduate from school ready for college and careers. The South Carolina legislature has allocated High Schools That Work (HSTW)/Making Schools Work (MSW) funds to support high schools, middle schools, and Technology Centers in a new format that began in 2017–18 and will continue for 2021–22 with oversight by the OCTE & STS. The State Education Improvement Act (EIA) funding for HSTW/MSW is combined with CTE equipment and Work-Based Learning (WBL).

[SREB Making Schools Work \(High Schools That Work\) - Memo](#) PDF (176 KB)

STUDENT INTERVENTION SERVICES

Recognizing and Addressing Gang Culture and Trends in Schools

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Principals, District Safety Coordinators, Professional Development Coordinators

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In collaboration with the Colleton County School District, the Office of Student Intervention Services will host two sessions of *Recognizing and Addressing Gang Culture and Trends in Schools* on Friday, December 10, at the Colleton County School District Office.

The training course, facilitated by Brian Zwolak, a gang investigator with the Lexington County Sheriff's Department and former gang instructor at the SC Criminal Justice Academy, is designed to help administrators, educators, and other staff address the increasing threats that gangs pose to schools. More specifically, Investigator Zwolak will share strategies that participants may use to address the ongoing and evolving violence and social issues associated with gang activity.

[Recognizing and Addressing Gang Culture and Trends in Schools - Memo](#) PDF (176 KB)

TRAININGS

2022 Electronic Document Accessibility Training for Educators and Support Staff

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District HR Directors, District Instructional Leaders, District Information Technology (IT) Leaders, District Chief Information Officers, Public Information Officers, Web Access Coordinators (WAC)

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In keeping with its mission to provide technology technical assistance to districts, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is offering virtual training on how to make online documents accessible February 9–10, 2022. This training is at no cost to districts.

For educators and support staff, this two-day, hands-on training by [WebAIM.org](https://www.webaim.org) will review how to check for and repair common accessibility issues in Microsoft, Google, and PDF documents. This training is appropriate for anyone teaching students online or developing content that will be posted online. Participants can earn 8.0 Continuing Education Units.

[2022 Electronic Document Accessibility Training for Educators and Support Staff - Memo](#) PDF (131 KB)

