



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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Important Dates

APRIL 3: Deadline to apply for USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Subgrant

APRIL 3: [Family Engagement Statewide Summit](#)

APRIL 15: Deadline to apply for Arts Curricular Innovation Grants

APRIL 20: Deadline to apply for 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant

APRIL 30: District Strategic Plans and School Renewal Plans Due

MAY 5: [South Carolina Teacher of the Year Gala](#)

MAY 15: [Military Honor Cord Ceremony](#)

COVID-19 RESOURCES

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is working closely with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the Governor's Office to provide timely updates and guidance to schools and districts regarding the rapidly-emerging outbreak of COVID-19.

DHEC and SCDE recommend that school and district leaders familiarize themselves with the below guidance related to COVID-19 and what can be done now to prepare and prevent the spread of the disease in their local school communities.

[Molly Spearman Memorandum - COVID-19 Guidance](#)

[DHEC School Guidance on Novel Coronavirus or COVID-19](#)

[CDC Interim Guidance for Administrators K-12 Schools to Plan, Prepare, and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

EARLY LEARNING AND LITERACY

Reading Coach Funding

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents

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Pending legislation will give the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) the authority to employ reading coaches in schools with one-third or more of third graders scoring at the Does Not Meet (DNM) level on SC READY ELA. The SCDE identified the schools that have one-third or more of third graders in DNM as the Palmetto Literacy Project (PLP)

schools on 2018 and 2019 SC READY ELA.

The below linked memorandum is to provide guidance on the hiring process.

[Reading Coach Funding - Memo](#) PDF (162 KB)

2020 Summer Reading Camps

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Read to Succeed Liaison, Instructional Leaders, Power School Coordinators

CONTACT: Marie Gibbons, mgibbons@ed.sc.gov, 803-734-0529. If you have questions regarding the Read to Succeed PowerSchool summer setup, please contact powerschool@ed.sc.gov.

The Read to Succeed Team in the Office of Early Learning and Literacy (OELL) at the South Carolina Department of Education is gearing up to support districts for the 2020 Read to Succeed Summer Reading Camps (SRC).

The below linked memorandum contains important information regarding this year's SRC.

[2020 Summer Reading Camps - Memo](#) PDF (192 KB)

CERDEP Expansion Request Survey and Student Waiting Lists FY 2020–21

AUDIENCE: CERDEP Superintendents, CERDEP Coordinators

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Read to Succeed Act Section 59-156-120 and Proviso 1.69 outline the South Carolina Child Early Reading Development and Education Program (CERDEP) expansion.

The below linked memo provides details to CERDEP districts for the expansion process for FY 2020–21.

CERDEP districts must complete the survey identifying expansion requests for FY 2020–21 and provide the current waiting list for each CERDEP program in the district.

[CERDEP Expansion Request Survey and Student Waiting Lists FY 2020–21 - Memo](#) PDF (181 KB)

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Summer Leadership Development Professional Learning Opportunities

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents

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The Office of Educator Effectiveness and Leadership Development is pleased to announce dates for leadership development cohorts beginning summer 2020. Our leadership programs are focused on growing highly-effective educators who are prepared to support all students to reach the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate.

Districts and/or participants will be responsible for any applicable travel expenses, lodging, and meals. Each cohort is limited based on space; previous cohorts have filled quickly.

For all cohorts, interested participants should register at the appropriate link in the below

memo. Please disseminate as needed and encourage appropriate personnel to apply.

[Summer Leadership Development Professional Learning Opportunities - Memo](#) PDF
(203 KB)

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