**Non-Public School Consultation Form**

**Deadline: 7/31/2020**

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The *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act* (CARES Act), Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund, requires that public school districts receiving financial assistance under the CARES Act, provide equitable services to eligible private school students (Pub. L. No. 116–136).

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) will ensure that a public school district receiving ESSER funds will provide equitable services to students and teachers in non-public schools located within the district in the same manner as provided under section 1117 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as determined through timely and meaningful consultation with representatives of non-public schools. The SCDE will ensure that a public agency will maintain control of funds for the services and assistance provided to a non-public school under the ESSER fund; will ensure that a public agency will have title to materials, equipment, and property purchased with ESSER funds; and will ensure that services to a non-public school with ESSER funds will be provided by a public agency directly, or through contract with, another public or private entity.

To comply, public school districts are required to engage in timely and meaningful consultation with appropriate non-public school officials about the provision of program services to non-public school students. This consultation *must* occur during the design and development of the proposed project before any decision is made that impacts the opportunities for participation of non-public school students throughout the design, development, implementation, and assessment of the program services. The quality of the consultative process will likely have an effect on the quality of services to non-public school students.

Please complete the following related to the involvement of eligible non-public school students in SC CARES ESSER subgrant activities.

There are no non-public schools located within the attendance boundaries of the school district to be served by the SC CARES ESSER subgrant. (Signature below is required.)

There are non-private schools located within the attendance boundaries of the school district to be served by the SC CARES ESSER subgrant (listed below). These non-public schools were consulted (methods listed below) prior to July 30, 2020.

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| Name of Non-Public School | Name and Title of Person Contacted | Date of Contact | Method of Contact (e.g., in person, phone, email, other) | To receive services?  (Yes or No\*) |
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\*If no, please provide a brief explanation.

Signature of Applicant’s Authorized Representative Date

Signature of Non-Public School Representative Date