



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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*STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION*

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Superintendents

**FROM:** Julie Gore-Fowler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent  
Division of College and Career Readiness

John R. Payne, Director  
Office of Special Education Services

Jennifer Anderson, Director  
Office of Early Learning and Literacy

**DATE:** July 28, 2016

**RE:** Required Dyslexia Training before School Year 2016–17

This memorandum provides specific guidance regarding the requirement that the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) provide training to all reading and literacy coaches, interventionists, and teachers in kindergarten through grade three on dyslexia, evidence-based screening tools, and evidence-based, multi-sensory instructional methods and interventions before the beginning of the 2016–17 school year. This information was shared with you in a memorandum dated June 3, 2016, (<http://ed.sc.gov/newsroom/school-district-memoranda-archive/required-dyslexia-training-before-school-year-2016-17/required-dyslexia-training-before-school-year-2016-17/>).

Attached to this memorandum, please find instructions to provide to your reading coaches, interventionists, and teachers on how to complete the three online modules and accompanying surveys/quizzes. The three online modules have a total viewing time of one hour. We ask that you broadly disseminate these instructions to ensure that all applicable staff completes the training. We will provide weekly notices to all superintendents on the numbers of completers for

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each of the three modules. We ask that all modules be completed before students return to school, or by August 15, 2016.

As required by the Joint Resolution, we will submit a report to the General Assembly by October 1, 2016, on the numbers and percentages of completers. We will use our state-funded literacy specialists to work with your reading coaches to confirm staffing numbers. It is critical that each participant complete the accompanying survey for each of the three modules as it will be the mechanism used to determine who has completed each module.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Jennifer Anderson at (803) 734-1629, [janderson@ed.sc.gov](mailto:janderson@ed.sc.gov); or John Payne at (803) 734-8224, [jrpayne@ed.sc.gov](mailto:jrpayne@ed.sc.gov).

We appreciate your assistance with this training.