



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Shelia Quinn, Ed.D.
Deputy Superintendent
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DATE: December 10, 2015

RE: Release of Value-Added Test Score Reports from the 2014–15 School Year.

Value-Added Measure (VAM) reports will be released to administrators on Thursday, December 10, and to teachers on Thursday, December 17. These reports are for *information purposes only* and are designed to allow you to see statewide test score reports at the grade and subject level to assist you in planning professional development activities.

Value-added measures at the district, school, and classroom level will be provided to districts and schools for the 2014–15 school year via the EVAAS secure web portal (www.scva.sas.com). Regional trainings are being offered to help educators better understand and interpret test score reports. These one-day trainings are designed for educators who provide direct support to teachers. For convenience, four regional training sites have been established with two sessions at each site.

To register, e-mail Joseph Tadlock, jatadlock@ed.sc.gov, and provide the names, roles, and contact information for your attendees. Please limit attendees to four per district. The registration deadline is January 6, 2016.

EVAAS VAM Trainings:

Dates	Locations	Times
January 12	Columbia, SC	8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
January 13		
January 20	Florence, SC	8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
January 21		

January 26	Spartanburg, SC	8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
January 27		
January 28	Walterboro, SC	8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
January 29		

Roster verification for the 2015–16 school year:

Dates for spring 2016 roster verification will be established once test administration dates are set. Roster verification is the process teachers use to allocate their responsibility for the students they are teaching. These rosters are the basis by which teacher-level value-added measures will be calculated for the 2015–16 school year. Roster verification support will be provided and districts will be notified of these supports in the near future.

Action items:

1. EVAAS District Administrator: Each district has a designated EVAAS District Administrator. If you are unaware of who is serving in this capacity for your district, or if you need to assign a new district administrator, you can e-mail Joseph Tadlock, jatadlock@ed.sc.gov, for assistance.
2. Identify and communicate training dates and location to training team members.
3. Access support resources within the EVAAS system (www.seva.sas.com):
 - a. e-Learning modules to assist users in navigating and understanding reports;
 - b. resources to include guidance on the stability of teacher scores from year to year, FAQ, explanations of the statistical methodology, etc.; and
 - c. EVAAS Technical Support capability using the “contact us” feature.