



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Elizabeth Jones, Director
Office of Assessment

DATE: July 27, 2015

RE: Embargo of Statewide Test Scores

This is a reminder that summary level test data from the statewide assessment programs are embargoed until the S.C. Department of Education (SCDE) publically releases the data for that program. Summary data may be shared with district and school staff members (e.g., district office personnel, school principals) who understand that the data are not to be shared publicly until after the official statewide release.

Summary data should not be shared with members of the media or via social media. The embargo extends to local school boards because data presented to a local board becomes public information under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. Informal conversations with individual board members are acceptable.

Schools may provide individual scores and student score reports to parents or guardians as soon as they are received, since these reports do not include summary data.

The SCDE's Office of Public Information will provide assessment release dates in the near future. If you have questions about the testing programs or test scores, please contact the Office of Assessment at (803) 734-8298.

cc: District Test Coordinators