



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

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*STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION*

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Superintendents and Business Officials

**FROM:** Betsy Carpentier  
Deputy Superintendent  
Chief of Staff/COO

**DATE:** June 26, 2015

**RE:** Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget State Employee Bonuses Do Not Apply to  
District Staff

The legislature has passed a budget that is currently being considered by Governor Nikki R. Haley. The proposed budget includes funding for an \$800 bonus for state employees earning less than \$100,000 per year.

We have received questions about whether teachers and other school staff are eligible for this bonus. The budget provision only applies to state employees. Teachers and other school staff are employees of your districts. District employees are not included within this budget provision.

If you have any questions, you can contact me ([bcarpentier@ed.sc.gov](mailto:bcarpentier@ed.sc.gov)) or Mellanie Jinnette ([mjinnett@ed.sc.gov](mailto:mjinnett@ed.sc.gov)).