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South Carolina Department of Education
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201
February 12, 2024

Dear Mrs. Hipp,

Teach For America South Carolina (TFASC) and the South Carolina Department of Education have partnered for almost fifteen years to address the talent pipeline needs of districts and schools throughout the state. During the 2026-2027 school year, we will partner with high-need districts across South Carolina to recruit, place, and develop new educators, including in Allendale, Colleton, Darlington, Orangeburg, Richland One, and Sumter school districts.

While the majority of our teachers will continue to be placed in rural school districts, we have entered into a partnership agreement with Mevers School of Excellence (located in Goose Creek, Berkeley County) to offer a placement for a small number of teacher candidates who must be located in proximity to Charleston due to family or personal obligations beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. The partnership will allow TFASC to admit and support teacher candidates who otherwise would not be able to complete our program due to their personal circumstances, thus yielding a higher number of teacher candidates per year. As Mevers School of Excellence is headed by a TFASC alum, the school will also offer a rich development opportunity for new TFASC corps members who will benefit from mentorship and professional development from a leader who deeply understands the TFA corps member experience and who has successfully navigated the same pathway from corps member to educational leader.

We continue to be a proud and grateful partner to the Department of Education as we all work toward supporting South Carolina students by providing committed teacher candidates. Please don't hesitate to reach out with additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Courtney Waters", written over a light gray rectangular background.

One Day, all children will have the opportunity to attain an equitable and excellent education.

701 East Bay Street, Ste 121, Charleston, SC 29403



January 14, 2026

Dear Ms. Waters,

I am writing to formally recommend Mevers School of Excellence as a potential partnership site for Teach For America South Carolina. Mevers is eager to serve as an employment site for both new and returning corps members across a range of core subject areas, including English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies, for grades Kindergarten through 8th grade.

At Mevers School of Excellence, we are deeply committed to providing high-quality education that prepares students for academic success and lifelong learning. We recognize the value that Teach For America corps members bring to the classroom: fresh perspectives, deep commitment to equity, and a strong desire to make a meaningful impact on students' lives. Our leadership team is fully prepared to support corps members with mentorship, professional development, and a collaborative school culture that fosters growth for both educators and students.

Partnering with Teach For America aligns with our mission to recruit passionate, effective teachers who are dedicated to meeting the diverse needs of our students. We believe that by joining forces, we can strengthen the pipeline of talented educators who will contribute to the academic success and personal development of our scholars.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding an official memorandum of understanding and the next steps that would allow us to consider candidates for the 2026-27 school year, should the process allow. Please find the acknowledgment letter from our governing charter school association.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards,

Kenneth Coles
Principal
Mevers School of Excellence



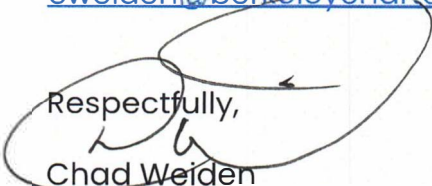
January 14, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of Berkeley Charter Education Association's acknowledgment and full support of having Teacher for America candidates working in our schools next year. We are incredibly excited to partner with Teach For America and will be willing to host corps members at the Mevers School for Excellence.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at cweiden@berkeleycharter.org

Respectfully,


Chad Weiden
Executive Director
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MISSY BRAKEFIELD

Superintendent of Schools

1201 Main Street, Suite 2500, Columbia, SC 29201

DATE: January 21, 2026

TO: Whom It May Concern

FROM: Missy Brakefield

RE: Teach For America Recommendation

I am writing to offer my strong recommendation for **Mevers School of Excellence** to participate in the Teach For America (TFA) program. In my role as Superintendent of Schools, I have had the opportunity to collaborate closely with the school and to observe its deep and consistent commitment to educational equity, student achievement, and continuous improvement.

Mevers School of Excellence is a **tuition-free public charter school serving students in kindergarten through eighth grade**, operating under the guidance and governance of the **Berkeley Charter Education Association, Inc. Board of Directors**. The Board plays an essential role in shaping and upholding the school's mission, vision, and values, and in establishing policies that ensure students receive a high-quality education in a nurturing, innovative, and inclusive environment.

Mevers serves a diverse community of learners and has consistently demonstrated a willingness to innovate, reflect, and collaborate to meet the unique needs of its students. The school's leadership and staff are mission-driven, data-informed, and deeply invested in creating an inclusive learning environment where all students are held to high expectations and supported to reach their full potential. At Mevers, educators believe that every student has unique gifts, passions, and potential, and they personalize learning to both support and challenge each child academically and socially.

Participation in Teach For America would be a strong mutual fit. Mevers School of Excellence has a proven record of mentoring new educators, fostering professional growth, and providing the instructional and relational structures necessary for teachers to succeed. The school's collaborative culture, commitment to professional learning, and focus on reflective practice would strongly support TFA corps members as they develop their craft.

Additionally, Mevers values partnerships that strengthen their capacity and expand opportunities for students. The school's emphasis on academic rigor, character development, and family engagement aligns closely with Teach For America's goals of developing effective educators and advancing systemic change in education. Its culture of excellence, integrity, and respect creates an environment in which both educators and students can thrive.

I am confident that Mevers School of Excellence would be a supportive and impactful placement site for Teach For America corps members, and that this partnership would positively benefit educators, students, and the broader school community. I strongly recommend Mevers School of Excellence for participation in the Teach For America program.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information, mbrakefield@erskinecharters.org or (803) 849-2458.

Sincerely,
Missy Brakefield
Superintendent of Schools, Charter Institute at Erskine