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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Special Education Directors
District Test Coordinators

FROM: Rebecca Davis, Director
Office of Special Education Services

Elizabeth Jones, Director
Office of Assessment

DATE: January 24, 2019

RE: 2019 Accessibility Support Document

This memorandum provides information regarding the updated accommodations manual. The Council of Chief State School Officers' (CCSSO's) Accessibility Manual: *How to Select, Administer, and Evaluate Use of Accessibility Supports for Instruction and Assessment of All Students* establishes guidelines for states to use for the selection, administration, and evaluation of accessibility supports for instruction and assessment of all students (including students with disabilities, English learners (ELs), ELs with disabilities, and students without an identified disability or EL status).

The 2019 Accessibility Support Document has been adapted for South Carolina from CCSSO's manual and is being provided to help support the Individual Education Plan team, the Section 504 Accommodations Plan team, and ELL Accommodations team in making decisions regarding accessibility supports for students. The recommended guidelines are best practices that are in the form of general statements, recommendations, or administrative instructions designed to assist in achieving policy objectives by providing a framework within which to implement procedures.

For questions regarding statewide assessment accommodations, please contact Krysten Douglas at kjdouglas@ed.sc.gov or 803-734-0972. For questions regarding student IEPs, please contact Peter Keup at pkeup@ed.sc.gov or 803-734-6771.

Attachment: South Carolina, Accessibility Support Document, January 2019