



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

October 15, 2015

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

The initial agency budget request for Fiscal Year 2016–17 was submitted to the Department of Administration on Friday, October 2, 2015. I anticipate that the Department will amend the budget request at least one time and possibly more than once. We must adequately address the forthcoming recommendations from both the House of Representatives and the Senate regarding the Abbeville case, and we also must address rural teacher recruitment by the South Carolina Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement per proviso 1A.73. This budget request focuses resources on existing programs that will provide enhanced services to students, technical and financial support to school districts, and professional development for educators.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Molly M. Spearman".

Molly M. Spearman
State Superintendent of Education

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