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## SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Our country and world continues to evolve and with it so must our system of educational instruction.

The days of educators lecturing straight from a textbook are far behind us. Students now have the world at their fingertips and educators must show them the relevancy of what they are learning.

I challenge you as parents, educators, and policy makers to help prepare students by showing them the importance of collaboration and problem solving. With these strategies in mind, we can ensure that every student graduates with the skills needed for the jobs available today and the careers of tomorrow.

Molly M. Spearman, State Superintendent of Education

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*Better Schools - Brighter Future*

### *Superintendent Spearman Calls for School Bus System Revamp*

At a press conference at the State House, Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman addressed ongoing concerns with South Carolina's state owned school bus fleet and outlined her plan to overhaul its current makeup

to improve both safety and efficiency.

[Click here to watch Superintendent Spearman's Press Conference!](#)

## *Alumni Spotlight*

In our first SCDE Alumni Spotlight, we visited with South Carolina FFA Association State President Austin Cathcart. Austin is a 2016 Graduate of Spring Hill High School in District 5 of Lexington and Richland Counties and is currently a freshman at Clemson University.

If you would like to nominate an outstanding public school alumni to be featured in the SCDE Alumni Spotlight, email your nomination to [info@ed.sc.gov](mailto:info@ed.sc.gov).

[Click here to watch!](#)

## *EPA Awards South Carolina \$1.1 Million For Cleaner School Buses*

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has awarded South Carolina more than \$1.1 million to replace 57 school buses with new cleaner models in 11 school districts.

The new and retrofitted buses will reduce pollutants that are linked to health problems such as asthma and lung damage. The funds are in the form of rebates through the EPA's Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) funding.

[Click here for more information on the bus rebates!](#)

## *SCDE Launches SCSchoolClosings.com*

The South Carolina Department of Education has launched a new web application to keep students, parents, and the general public up to date on South Carolina public school closures and delays. Visit [SCSchoolClosings.com](https://www.scschoolclosings.com) to view our new school closings application!

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