



# John de la Howe School

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Re: Response to Proviso 7.5 and Progress Report

Dear Sirs:

Attached please find a Progress Report on the John de la Howe School since our June 30 report along with a report in response to Proviso 7.5. These reports include updates on our Board of Trustees, agency leadership, accreditation status, collaboration with other agencies for technical assistance, and stakeholder involvement.

The agency has completed an extensive strategic planning process and has submitted its Annual Accountability Report to the Executive Budget Office and "district" and school planning documents to the Department of Education.

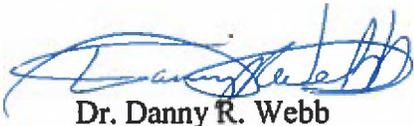
With the filing of these reports and with new leadership and strategic plan in place, the Board of Trustees is confident the agency is capable of continuing to operate as an independent state agency, as established in the enabling legislation, Education Code Section 59-49-10.

Members of the Senate Finance Subcommittee on K-12 Education are scheduled to visit and tour the campus on October 24. Other senators are encouraged to participate. Tours are being scheduled for members of the

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House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Special Schools and other representatives as well members of the State Board of Education. Additional tours can be scheduled, and we are available to respond to any questions you may have. We are always open to your suggestions for improving services and creating brighter futures for some of South Carolina's most vulnerable children and youth. We appreciate your support in this mission.

Sincerely,



Dr. Danny R. Webb  
President



Barbara Devinney  
Board Chair

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