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Subject: Follow Up

Attachments: Document2\_InstructionalMaterials.pdf  
Comparison FY14 and FY15.xlsx

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Josh, Rachel and Christian:

To follow up on my conversation with Josh this week, I am forwarding an email that I received today from SCDE along with some analysis that I have done on instructional materials. attaching information that I received today on the budget request for instructional materials. Unfortunately, I might be more confused than ever.

I compared on the attached Excel sheet the actual appropriations for the current fiscal year for all instructional materials (including digital instructional materials) with the requests for FY15. I am not sure how SCDE can explain the difference. It is my understanding that all of the non-recurring funds were realized from the Lottery and non-recurring funds. I am also surprised that the State Board has not yet approved the priority list for FY2015 yet the budget request was made to the Governor.

I also attended the K-12 Technology Committee today where I also serve. The Committee asked SCDE representatives to explain how the \$5.0 million figure was derived but there were no answers. The Committee pressed hard on the big issue: what are the technology needs of districts and schools? How do we know those needs? How can we prioritize those needs? A representative from the Darlington County school district was there who provided more information on average costs per child of getting to virtual, 1:1 computing. The Committee will continue to work and try to find out for you and others (including the EOC who wants to push on this issue) to determine where our needs are and how to get there. I was surprised to learn that many of our smaller districts simply do not have the expertise or ability to file for e-rate reimbursements from the federal government, reimbursements that the districts are due for technology upgrades. I will keep you updated. SCDE does not, and apparently has never, provided such assistance to districts in the past.

Melanie Barton

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From: Richardson, Len [mailto:Lrichard@ed.sc.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2013 8:01 AM  
To: Barton, Melanie; Shealy, Bruce; Stewart, Kriss  
Cc: Teppara, Dino; Jinnette, Mellanie; Childs, Charmeka  
Subject: RE: Follow Up Question

Melanie,

The priority list used for the budget request is basically the same as the attachment, with the following exceptions:

Priority 3 – funded FY2013

Priority 4 – funded FY2014

Priority 5 - funded FY2014

The request for FY 2015 would fund through Marine Technology. The SBE has not yet approved the priority list for FY 2015. I believe the SBE will have the information for the December meeting. I have copied others to provide additional information or corrections to my explanation if needed. –Len

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From: Barton, Melanie [<mailto:mbarton@eoc.sc.gov>]  
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To: Shealy, Bruce; Stewart, Kriss  
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Subject: Follow Up Question

Bruce or Kriss:

In reviewing the EIA budget request for instructional materials, could you provide me with the FY2014-15 Prioritization of Instructional Materials Adoption Areas? I have attached the information that was provided last year during the budget process.

Many thanks!  
Melanie Barton

Sincerely,

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