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From: Yow, Dana

Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2013 2:03 PM

To: Card, Rachel

Subject: EMBARGOED: EOC materials related to ESEA waiver release

Hi Rachel,

Melanie Barton asked that I send you this information. The SC Department of Education will release results of the 2013 administration of PASS and HSAP tomorrow morning at 10 AM along with school and district grades based on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) waiver. Although the percentage of students meeting or exceeding state standards went up from 2012 to 2013, the federal district and school ratings show a decline in grades for nearly half of all school districts as well as 389 schools.

This week, EOC staff prepared an analysis of the results to better understand some of the reasons why the wide variations are occurring and also to explain to other audiences since ratings will likely be improved in November when the state report cards are released. We have sent this analysis to news media upon request as well as school district superintendents, public information officers, and EOC members. This analysis might be useful for you and others if you receive questions about the results. Attached you will find the staff analysis of the results as well as an embargoed news release we sent out this morning. I have also attached copies of the embargoed releases sent out from the SCDE this morning about the release. Everything will be public at 10 AM tomorrow morning.

Please let us know if you have questions. Thank you, Dana

Dana Yow

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