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Good afternoon!

I am writing with an update on the development of the new ELA and math standards in South Carolina. The math writing team is meeting for the first time today, and we have updated information online I'd like to share with you:

- We have three pages of bar charts showing the breakdown of the 365 educators who applied to serve on the ELA and/or math writing teams – see them [here](#).
- To fairly review the qualifications of the 365 applicants, the Department established a two-page rubric to evenly apply across the board – see the rubric [here](#).
- We posted several comments from educators who wanted to serve on the writing teams in a six-page PDF – check out their passion and desire to serve [here](#).
- We have established a timeline for the development and adoption of the new standards – see it [here](#).
- We have posted a memorandum from the agency's general counsel explaining the interpretation of Act 200 and the legal rationale behind the development of new standards that are not based on the Common Core – read it [here](#).
- All the resources above are online [here](#).

A press release is forthcoming with the names of the educators serving on the math team and their affiliations. It will also be posted on the Web page noted above and I will forward it to you directly. If you have any questions about the process or documents noted on the Web page, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

Regards,  
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