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Dr. Molly Spearman
Superintendent of Education
South Carolina Department of Education
1429 Senate Street 100
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Florence County School District Four/Dr. Andre Boyd

Dear Superintendent Spearman:

The Florence County School District Four ("District") Board of Trustees ("Board") wishes to thank you and your staff for your willingness to see the potential of our students, schools, and community. The information you shared with the public concerning the District's challenges, as well as the information your staff presented on the South Carolina Department of Education's External Review Team ("ERT") recommendations, is invaluable in aiding our community to come together for the common purpose of ensuring our students obtain a quality education that prepares them to compete in the global economy.

In light of the troubling information contained in the ERT report, and the District's recent accreditation issues, the Board is concerned about the District's current course. Accordingly, at the Board's special called meeting on February 15, 2016, the Board voted to initiate discussions with Superintendent Andre Boyd regarding his continued relationship with the District. Dr. Boyd is currently at work in the District, and we have heard from his attorney and are in the discussion phase of this process. The Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the students of the District that the Board evaluate what changes will best move the District towards success.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you as we strive towards excellence.

Sincerely,

Richard Hodges
Board Chairman

cc: Board Members Florence County School District Four

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