



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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Missed last week's memos?

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DHEC UPDATES

DHEC would like to make districts aware of the following information:

SC DHEC is assessing the possibility of providing grant-funded portable room air cleaners to public school districts and charter schools, based on interest level, funding, and available supplies. Portable air cleaners might be used in nurses' offices and other rooms with an elevated risk of infectious disease spread to reduce infectious particles and increase air quality. In order to determine feasibility for this project, please fill out this [interest form](#) to indicate how many portable room air cleaners your school district or charter school would like to request. Coordinate with administration to submit one form per district or charter school.

DATA

Maintenance and Access to Educator Data

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Accountability Directors, Technology Directors, Human Resources Directors

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) uses data from the SC Educator system to determine participation requirements for the teacher climate survey and other data requests. Specifically, position code, start date, full time equivalency (FTE) and termination date are used to determine participation requirements. Teachers are then matched by Educator ID to PowerSchool to determine which school is responsible for administering a survey.

[Maintenance and Access to Educator Data - Memo](#) PDF (160 KB)

Child ID Kits

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents
CONTACT: Phillip Cease, phcease@ed.sc.gov

It has come to the Department's attention that school districts have received communication regarding Child ID kits. These kits are being shipped to school districts from the manufacturer after the passage of Act 180 in May of 2022. Act 180 is not clear regarding distribution requirements once the kits are received by districts.

[Child ID Kits - Memo](#) PDF (128 KB)

GRANTS

2023-24 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Subgrant Opportunity

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Food Service Directors, Elementary School Principals, Public Information Officers
CONTACT: Diane Gillie, dgillie@ed.sc.gov

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that the 2023–24 application for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program subgrant is now available online. Funding will be distributed to elementary schools with the highest percentage of students eligible for free and reduced-priced meals (at least 50 percent or higher). The deadline to apply is **April 14, 2023**.

[2023-24 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Subgrant Opportunity - Memo](#) PDF (136 KB)

STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

Dominion Energy and South Carolina Department of Education Accepting Entries for Third Annual Essay Contest Celebrating Notable African Americans

AUDIENCE: High School Principals
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Junior and senior high school students in South Carolina will have a chance to win an Apple MacBook Air and \$1,000 for their school or home schooling association if selected as a winner of Dominion Energy and the South Carolina Department of Education's (SCDE) third annual Strong Men & Women in S.C. History student essay contest.

The program builds on SCDE's longstanding South Carolina African American History Calendar that honors prominent African Americans in the state who have made noteworthy contributions.

[2023 Strong Men & Women in S.C. History Student Writing Contest Overview](#)

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