

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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AccelerateED

AccelerateED Task Force Releases Final Guidance and Recommendations for 2020-2021 School Year

The AccelerateED task force and Superintendent Spearman have released their final guidance and recommendations for the 2020-21 school year.

- **DedicationtoEducation.com** includes audience-based resources for parents and students, educators and districts and schools.
- Find the summary that highlights key excerpts from the full plan **here**.
- Read the full recommendations **here**.
- Video of the press conference releasing the report can be found **here**.

BROADBAND

Mapping Internet Access and Quality

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Instructional Leaders, Information Technology Leaders
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School districts have faced challenges with instructional delivery because of issues related to home internet. Often, questions arise about whether internet is available in an area, and-if so-whether the quality of internet access is adequate for delivery of online instruction. Jim Stritzinger of Revolution D has worked with many of our local Internet Service Providers and Ookla's Speedtest Intelligence® data to provide Best Available Technology and Areas of Need maps for every county in South Carolina. These maps are now available to you at no charge. To access the maps, please go to **SCDigitalDrive.com**. To find your county, scroll down to the regional collections, click on your region, and select your county's maps

Mapping Internet Access and Quality - Memo PDF (162 KB)

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Virtual K–12 Computer Science Professional Development Week

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Instructional Leaders, CTE Directors
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Computer Science Professional Development Week offers virtual K–12 Computer Science professional learning opportunities to educators and school counselors from June 20-24, 2020. Visit the **CSPDWeek link** and refer to the memo below for more information.

Virtual K–12 Computer Science Professional Development Week - Memo PDF (134 KB)

DATA AND ACCOUNTABILITY

IDEA Waiver

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Instructional Leaders, Special Education Directors, Finance Directors
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We are pleased to announce that the United States Department of Education has approved additional waivers for the South Carolina Department of Education, authorized under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Pub. L. No. 116-136 (March 27, 2020), which provides substantial relief to children and educators who have been profoundly affected by the COVID-19.

This additional flexibility impacts K–12 education funding under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Please see the memo linked below for further information.

IDEA Waiver - Memo PDF (183 KB)

South Carolina Department of Education-District Technology Advisory Group 2020 Election Results

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents,Instructional Leaders, Information Technology Leaders, Information Security/Privacy Leaders, PowerSchool IT Contacts

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) completed elections for its SC-DTAG on June 2, 2020. This election process was conducted to fill district representative seats within the SC-DTAG sub-advisory groups. The SC-DTAG initiative will continue to provide an opportunity for its district representatives to collaborate with the SCDE on technology-related projects and district needs and requirements. Please review the memo linked below for a list of nominees, who were elected by tier-level district leadership to serve as SC-DTAG members.

South Carolina Department of Education-District Technology Advisory Group (SC-DTAG) 2020 Election Results - Memo PDF (78 KB)

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Social-Emotional Learning Surveys and Resources

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Instructional Leaders

As districts prepare for school re-entry this fall, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is committed to supporting districts as they address the social-emotional needs of both students and teachers. Please refer to the memo linked below concerning a SEL District Survey and SEL Resources for Schools and Districts.

This survey will give the SCDE guiding information as we assist districts during summer learning and fall re-entry, and we request that districts submit this information by **July 15, 2020.**

Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Surveys and Resources - Memo PDF (183 KB)