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The Honorable Molly Spearman  
Superintendent of Education  
1429 Senate Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210  
*Via Email*

RE: Follow-up to August 13, 2019, Public Input Meeting

Dear Superintendent Spearman:

The purpose of our August 13, 2019, meeting was to receive public testimony about the Department of Education and four other agencies under study. Notification about this opportunity was provided in a variety of ways, including: (1) posting on the General Assembly's website on July 17, 2019; (2) issuing a statewide press release on July 26, 2019; (3) emailing our colleagues; and (4) emailing the State Library information about this opportunity for dissemination online and with local public library directors. However, no public input was received about the Department of Education.

Accordingly, we seek your cooperation in sharing with the public the opportunity to participate in the legislative oversight process. Any assistance you may be able to provide by posting online information about the legislative oversight process is appreciated. Other agencies have partnered with us in this manner.

We look forward to working collaboratively with the Department of Education during the legislative oversight process. As we transition from the initial information gather to meetings with the Education and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee, there are a few follow-up questions from the full committee meeting. Please provide this information, some of which already has been informally submitted, by Friday, August 30, 2019.

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*Follow-up Questions*

1. What is the state salary schedule for bus drivers?
2. How are teachers evaluated in the virtual education program?
3. What are the minimum, maximum, median, and mean size of classes in the virtual education program?
4. What improvements have been made in special education services in the three school districts the agency directly manages?

Thank you and your team for your services to the citizens of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Wm. Weston J. Newton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wm. Weston J. Newton

cc: House Legislative Oversight Committee