

To: The Honorable G. Murrell Smith, Jr., Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee

The Honorable Rita Allison, Chairman of the House Education Committee The Honorable Greg Hembree, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee C. Matthew Ferguson, Executive Director, SC Education Oversight Committee

From: Georgia Mjartan, Executive Director Date: November 15, 2021

RE: SUNS numbers report

Proviso 1A.56 specifies that:

1.56. (SDE: Full-Day 4K)

On or before November 15, the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps shall share data that identifies the total number of children enrolled in CERDEP in both public and private providers.

SC First Steps 4K sent the data for 2,838 enrolled students on our Day #45, October 19, 2021, to the SC Department of Education for the assignment of unique student identifiers. We received the file on October 25, 2021 from SCDE with those acquired 2,838 SUNS numbers.

It is worthy to note that these students are in full time instructional face to face classrooms. Our Day #1 was August 16, 2021. We will continue to update our SUNS number data each 45 days throughout our 2021-2022 term as new students enroll in First Steps 4K classrooms.

We are grateful for the General Assembly's support of South Carolina's youngest learners. I invite you to contact me, as always, if you have any questions or concerns.

cc: David Morley, Chair, SC First Steps Board of Trustees Mark Barnes, Director of Administration, SC First Steps Martha Strickland, 4K State Director, SC First Steps Kenzie Riddle, House Ways and Means Grant Gibson, Senate Education