



The Honorable James Smith, Chair
Education and Cultural Subcommittee
House Legislative Oversight Committee
Blatt Building, Room 335-C
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

December 1, 2015

Dear Representative Smith,

In response to your questions of November 12, 2015, South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness is pleased to provide the attached data.

1. Programmatic Data

Constituents Served: The attached Excel chart, titled *Numbers Served FY15* contains the agency's most recent data on constituents served. This chart includes tabs for each local partnership and a summary tab which rolls all of this data into statewide totals. Our data will be collected and collated from here forward in this manner, and we will be pleased to continue to provide these reports to you annually.

Any remaining data we can pull from paper records (FY00-FY04) will be provided to you as part of the January submission.

2. Fiscal Data. We are pleased to provide updated data on:

- a. Local Partnerships
- b. Policy and Accountability
- c. Total Received in Appropriation Funds/Distributed to Local Counties is included in the Excel document provided by the committee, along with a cover memo from COO/CFO Mark Barnes.

3. Funding for Current Individual First Steps Programs

Fiscal data on individual programs, including the year each originated, the years operated and the amount expended each year is provided in the form of annual financial reports titled "Local First Steps Partnership Expenditures by Year." These reports depict the programmatic offerings of the First Steps partnerships, by year, to include detailed expenditures by strategy for each year since inception.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of additional assistance to the Committee. Thank you for your leadership for our youngest learners.

Respectfully,

Signature Redacted

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Director