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Dr. James A. Franklin, Interim Superintendent
John de la Howe School
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Dear Superintendent Franklin:

On behalf of the Education and Cultural Subcommittee, thank you, and your staff for your recent presentation to the Subcommittee relating to John de la Howe's financial resources and partners. In preparation for our next meeting, please respond to the following by December 1, 2017:

- After the external evaluation has been approved by the Board, please provide a copy to this Subcommittee.
- What is the per student cost of EdOptions? Why was there a credit from last school year?
- Please provide a list of the McCain Scholarship recipients, with only the student's name, year of receipt, and scholarship amount.
- Is placement available at another facility that could accommodate John de la Howe's current students?

The following questions are based on review of the response to our October 20, 2017, letter.

- There are eleven schools and organizations listed as serving children with similar needs to students at John de la Howe. Of those, only Wil Lou Gray (state), Palmetto Youth Challenge (federal), and Job Corp (federal) are operated by a government entity. Are there other schools or organizations primarily serving students similar to John de la Howe School's and being operated by local, state, or federal government?
- Why are students with autism disqualified from admission to John de la Howe?
- Could the Board of Trustees propose a succession plan?

If these questions would yield responses that are not an accurate reflection of the agency or if additional time is needed to respond, please contact Committee staff. The Subcommittee looks forward to our next meeting on December 5, 2017, at

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10:00 a.m., in Room 321. Thank you for your service to the citizens of South Carolina and for your continued cooperation with the legislative oversight process.

Sincerely,

Joseph H. Jefferson
Subcommittee Chair

cc: The Honorable Chandra Dillard
The Honorable Raye Felder
The Honorable Tommy M. Stringer