



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**MOLLY M. SPEARMAN**  
*STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION*

January 14, 2019

The Honorable Henry D. McMaster  
Governor, State of South Carolina  
1100 Gervais Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor McMaster:

The purpose of this letter is to fulfill the notification requirements of Proviso 1A.32: IDEA Maintenance of Effort (MOE). This proviso directs use of Aid to District funding to supplement the required state MOE. Based on the best available information as of January 4, 2019, the South Carolina Department of Education estimates the state will exceed the funding necessary to MOE for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for FY 2018–19 by approximately \$30 million.

The largest contributing budget line item for the IDEA MOE is the Education Finance Act (EFA). The increased Base Student Cost for 2018–19 and the 250-minute special education seat time waiver has increased the ability of the state to meet its MOE requirements. Please be reminded that we will not know whether we have met MOE for FY 2018–19 until the 135-day information is received and reviewed from school districts.

My staff will continue to monitor and provide information as we move through the legislative process. Any questions regarding this matter can be directed to Nancy Williams, Chief Financial Officer or Rebecca Davis, Director of the Office of Special Education Services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Molly M. Spearman".

Molly M. Spearman  
State Superintendent of Education

cc: The Honorable Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr., Chairman, Senate Finance Committee  
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith, Jr., Chairman, House Ways & Means Committee