



To: The Honorable Bruce W. Bannister, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee  
The Honorable Harvey S. Peeler, Jr., Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee  
The Honorable Shannon Erickson, Chairwoman of the House Education Committee  
The Honorable Greg Hembree, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee  
Dana Yow, Executive Director, SC Education Oversight Committee

From: Ann Vandervliet, Executive Director

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**RE: CERDEP SUNS Numbers Report**

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Proviso 1A.44 of the FY 2025-26 General Appropriations Act states that:

*For the current fiscal year, the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps to School Readiness must acquire unique student identifiers or SUNS numbers for each student enrolled in the CDEPP program CERDEP no later than the 45th day and must provide a report of such to the House Ways and Means Committee, the House Education Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Education Committee and the Education Oversight Committee by November thirtieth.*

As part of First Steps 4K's participation in the Early Learning Extension of the K-12 Statewide Longitudinal Data System, the First Steps Database Administrator has been given access and permission by the SC Department of Education to obtain SUNS IDs for First Steps 4K students directly.

Pursuant to the proviso, we report that SUNS IDs were assigned for 4,131 First Steps 4K students who were enrolled for at least one day through October 15, 2025 (Day 45) during school year 2025-26. As new students enroll throughout the year, SUNS IDs will be assigned.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are grateful for the General Assembly's support of South Carolina's youngest learners.

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