



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, Chairman of the House Education Committee  
The Honorable Greg Hembree, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee  
Dana Yow, Executive Director, SC Education Oversight Committee

From: Georgia Mjartan, Executive Director

Date: November 15, 2023

**RE: CDEPP SUNS Numbers Report**

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Proviso 1A.44 of the FY 2023-24 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 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 underwent rigorous training and has been given access and permission by the SC Department of Education to obtain SUNS IDs for First Steps 4K students directly.

To date, SUNS IDs have been assigned for 3,754 First Steps 4K students who were enrolled for at least one day through October 31, 2023 (Day 50) during school year 2023-24. Our Database Administrator will soon obtain a summary file from staff at the SC Department of Education of all SUNS IDs assigned to these students. Then, these IDs will be stored in our password-protected files and the assessment data system (GOLD by TeachingStrategies), as well as in the SUNS ID system at the SC Department of Education.

If you should 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Georgia Mjartan", written in a cursive style.

Georgia Mjartan  
Executive Director  
South Carolina First Steps