



To: The Honorable Brian White, Chair, House Ways and Means Committee  
The Honorable Hugh Leatherman, Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
From: Dr. Dan Wuori, Deputy Director  
Date: March 30, 2017

**RE: 4K Quality Enhancement Reporting Pursuant to Provisos 1.79 and 1A.71**

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I am writing pursuant to Provisos 1.79 and 1A.71 of the General Appropriations Act for FY2016-2017. These companion provisos permit SC First Steps to retain and utilize up to \$1 million in 4K carry forward funding for the purpose of enhancing the quality of the First Steps 4K program.

First Steps anticipates expending \$959,878.49 for this purpose during FY17, the bulk of which is dedicated to replacing worn materials and equipment within 32 classrooms participating in the program for five or more years and to providing classroom enhancement kits (210 classrooms) aligned with the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition (a research-based measure of early childhood classroom quality). A summary of all anticipated FY17 expenditures is attached.

We are deeply grateful for your commitment to ensuring quality programming within the state's private 4K settings. Please feel free to contact me at 803-734-0100 or [dwuori@scfirststeps.org](mailto:dwuori@scfirststeps.org) if you have any questions.

cc: Ken Wingate, Chair, SC First Steps Board of Trustees  
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**Anticipated 4K Quality Enhancement Expenditures Pursuant to Provisos 1.79/1A.71**

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS™) Training	15 classroom quality assessors trained (July 2016) in CLASS, a research-based measure of classroom process quality.	\$9,229.00
Ready Rosie Classroom Licenses	Ready Rosie is a web-based school readiness program designed to support parents through video modeling (English and Spanish) of ways they can support their children's learning in everyday settings. 220 classroom licenses, plus on-site professional development.	\$45,000.00
EdVenture Teacher Seminar	14 teacher scholarships for professional development. (November 2016)	\$1,400.00
Teaching Strategies Gold™ Assessment (Train the Trainer Accreditation)	2 members of the SCFS 4K team were trained as trainers in the use of Teaching Strategies GOLD, one of three approved 4K assessments.	\$9,000.00
SC Early Childhood Association (SCECA) Conference	Professional Development scholarships for 257 SC First Steps 4K Directors, Lead Teachers, and Assistants (January 19-21, 2017)	\$54,657.63
ECERS-3 classroom enhancement kits- Science, Math, Gross Motor, Fine Motor, Diversity, Art	210 classrooms (obligated)	\$279,819.77
Conscious Discipline curriculum materials	206 classrooms (obligated)	\$101,111.58
McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership, National Louis University	National Director's Credential pilot program for 19 4K Directors	\$50,695.00
Classroom Materials Restoration	Replace badly worn materials/equipment in 32 classrooms participating in the program for five or more years	\$317,732.06
Get Ready for Kindergarten Study Kit for Creative Curriculum	216 classroom sets	\$20,483.73
Professional Development Day for Teachers, March 17, 2017- Kindergarten, Here I Come	252 Teachers trained/materials provided: Stages of language, physical, and cognitive development for 4Ks and strategies to build skills; techniques for parent engagement of specific strategies for kindergarten readiness	\$37,349
Curriculum Fidelity Tool for Creative Curriculum	22 sets	\$4,550.72
Building Learning Opportunities, Outcomes and Models (BLOOM) Teacher Development Program	15 teachers to pilot teacher mentor program to include: ECERS-3 and CLASS assessments, model classroom augmentations, incentives, training and specialized professional development. (In process)	\$28,850.00
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