



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
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August 10, 2020

Dr. Neal Vincent  
Superintendent  
Florence County School District 2  
2121 South Pamplico Highway  
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Dear Dr. Vincent:

Thank you for the submission of Florence County School District 2's reopening plan for the 2020-21 school year. The novel coronavirus disease has brought great uncertainty to school operations but you have met these uncertainties with a safety first approach while providing students and parents with high quality options.

Having met all school reopening requirements set by the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE), I am pleased to inform you that your plan is approved. In light of the fluid nature surrounding the coronavirus, we ask that you update the agency should your operational plans change by emailing [reopen@ed.sc.gov](mailto:reopen@ed.sc.gov).

Districts are reminded that all students in special populations should receive services regardless of the instructional delivery method selected by the parent. Additionally, districts should consider individual student needs when creating learning plans and options for the 2020-21 school year, and should avoid prescribing specific instructional options to groups of students. Furthermore, all districts are encouraged to create a protocol for identifying students in vulnerable populations, including but not limited to migrant students, homeless students, those in foster care or group homes, military-connected students, or students who districts were unable to contact during the spring school closures. Districts should have both school and district teams in place who will maintain regular contact with students in vulnerable populations and provide them with district and community resources and support

We strongly urge you to ensure that your reopening plan, as approved by the SCDE, is correctly detailed on your district website. As you implement your reopening plan and begin the new school year, please let me know of any resources needed as you strive to return to as normal operations as health and safety allow.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Molly M. Spearman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping flourish at the end.

Molly M. Spearman  
State Superintendent of Education