



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: September 1, 2023

RE: SUNS Numbers Report

Proviso 1A.50 of the FY 2022-23 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.

It has come to our attention that while SUNS numbers were acquired for each student last year per the proviso, this report was not adequately filed with the appropriate committees. In the interest of transparency, we now submit the following.

Pursuant to the terms of the proviso, we are writing to inform you that First Steps provided the student files for 3,243 enrolled students on our Day 45, October 18, 2022, to the SC Department of Education for the assignment of unique student identifiers. We received the file back on November 20, 2022 from SCDE with those acquired SUNS numbers.

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", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Georgia Mjartan
Executive Director
South Carolina First Steps