



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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South Carolina Families:

The COVID-19 pandemic has made the 2020–21 school year the most challenging year our education system has faced in my lifetime. It has required students, families, and educators to go above and beyond to ensure our schools are safe and the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of our students are being met. Most of all it has required patience, understanding, and strong communication between schools and the students and families they serve.

A strong partnership with families is instrumental in making our education system successful. To make sure that you have a voice in our public education system, the South Carolina Department of Education is conducting this survey. The results will be included in the school's annual report card and will be used to inform decision making in your school, district, and by state leaders. Your answers will be anonymous and confidential. School administrators will receive only a summary of the answers provided. If you are uncomfortable responding to any items on the survey, you may omit those items.

The survey will take about ten to fifteen minutes to complete. Please read each statement and choose the best response from the choices given. As you read each statement, try to focus on the entire year and not just on recent or isolated events.

Thank you for taking time to give us your honest opinions and feedback. Only by working together can we ensure that we have better schools and brighter futures for every student.

Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Molly M. Spearman".

Molly M. Spearman  
State Superintendent of Education