



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

**MOLLY M. SPEARMAN**  
*STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION*

May 17, 2022

Dr. Jonathan Phipps, Superintendent  
Ms. Janice C. Dabney, Board Chair  
Ms. Jennifer White, Chief Financial Officer  
Lancaster County School District  
300 South Catawba Street  
Lancaster, SC 29720

RE: Recovery Plan under S.C. Code Ann. § 59-20-90 (Supp. 2018)

Dear Dr. Phipps, Ms. Dabney, and Ms. White:

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is in receipt of your recovery plan dated April 25, 2022. The Lancaster County School District's (the District) recovery plan has been approved. We appreciate the effort of the Superintendent and key district staff in submitting a recovery plan that outlines the District's plan to correct their audit findings, the responsible staff in charge of correcting the findings, and the timeline of when the findings will be corrected. The SCDE will periodically monitor the recovery plan progress and continue to provide technical assistance during the time the District is under fiscal watch.

If you have any questions, you may contact Nancy Williams, the SCDE's Chief Financial Officer, [nwilliams@ed.sc.gov](mailto:nwilliams@ed.sc.gov); or Steven Strother, Director of Finance, [sgstrother@ed.sc.gov](mailto:sgstrother@ed.sc.gov). Your legal counsel may contact Cathy Hazelwood, General Counsel, [chazelwood@ed.sc.gov](mailto:chazelwood@ed.sc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Molly M. Spearman".

Molly M. Spearman  
State Superintendent of Education

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cc: Mr. Alan Walters, Board Chair, SBE  
Mrs. Joyce Crimminger, SBE  
Lancaster County Legislative Delegation