



July 6, 2011

The Honorable Mick Zais  
State Superintendent of Education  
1429 Senate Street  
Rutledge Building  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Superintendent Zais:

In compliance with Proviso 1.43 in the 2010/11 General Appropriations Act (Act 291), attached you will find the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice School District's report on Funding Flexibility and Spending Reductions for the fourth quarter of our 2010-11 school year. As we have previously referenced in earlier compliance reports, state law (63-19-380) designates the Department as a "special school district" and mandates that we "operate a continuous progress education program" throughout the year. In addition, because we are a Title I school district and have approximately 45% of our student population identified for special education, a much larger percentage of our operating funds are restricted. Consequently, our ability to move funds into other program areas or to cover other expenses is somewhat more limited than that of a "regular" school district. One (1) fund was approved to be flexed in the third quarter.

During the first quarter of the 2010-11 school year, the Department was again forced, due to budgetary constraints, to implement a reduction in force of its district and instructional personnel. This reduction in force was necessary due to declining revenues from the State Department of Education, declining revenue paid to the Department by local school districts, and for internal budgetary reasons. On July 30, 2010, we reduced the Educational Services Division of the Department by eighteen (18) staff members, fourteen (14) through a reduction in force and four (4) through resignations/retirements. All positions, except possibly up to two critical positions, will remain unfilled.

During the fourth quarter, again no reduction in force was necessary. In addition, during this school year, all staff will be required to take a seven-day mandatory furlough, except our Superintendent, who will take ten days of furlough. Another cost-savings

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measure undertaken by the Department was to consolidate our Willow Lane and Birchwood Schools. We will, however, be able to absorb our personnel losses and school consolidation since our reduced student population allows our district to continue to meet or exceed our Defined Minimum Program requirements and to maintain our State Department of Education and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditations. In addition, the SCDJJ school district has absorbed the SC Youth Challenge Academy's educational program into the district.

Finally, DJJ's school district, as has the Agency as a whole, continues to reduce our budget for travel, has eliminated all conferences paid for through state funds, and has eliminated all staff training unless mandated and paid for by a grant funding source. We also, unfortunately, continue to curtail significantly our after-school sports and other extracurricular programming.

Thank you for taking the time to review this information. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to call or email either one, or both of us, and we will gladly provide this additional information to you.

With kind personal regards,

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Margaret H. Barber  
Chairman, DJJ School Board

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Meda C. Cobb  
Superintendent, DJJ School District

MHB/MCC/rmr

cc: Hon. Hugh K. Leatherman, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee  
Hon. John E. Courson, Chairman, Senate Education Committee  
Hon. W. Brian White, Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee  
Hon. Phillip D. Owens, Chairman, House Education and Public Works Committee

SCDE Receipt:

District Name: SCDJJ

**Section I. (provide additional forms as necessary)**

Transfer From (Include Program name and sub-fund *) (Identify any prior year carryover amounts)	Current Allocation	Transfer Amount (up to 100%)	Transfer to (Include Program name and sub-fund)
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No funding transfers are being requested			

\* The following appropriations are excluded from this flexibility (both as transfers into and out): Teacher Salary Supplement/Fringe, National Board Certification, Teacher Supply and Teacher of the Year  
 Districts should use judicious caution when transferring those funds received through a competitive grant process

**Section 2. (provide additional information as necessary)**

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| (1) Our district suspended staffing ratios in the following areas:   | Suspensions of staffing ratios are not necessary during this quarter.  |
| (2) Our district delayed the following number of teacher contracts:  | N/A. DJJ does not use contracts since all teachers are state employees.  |
| (2)b The following number of contracts were not renewed  | Two vacant positions may be filled following the cumulative reductions in force and resignations.  |
| (3) Our district negotiated the following number of retiree salaries   | Two employees retired during this quarter.   |
| (4) Our district furloughed teachers the following number of days  | Seven days ordered for all school district employees for FY 2010/11.   |
| (4)b Our district furloughed administrators the following number of days   | The Superintendent will take ten days of furlough during FY 2010/11.   |
| (5) Our district has suspended the following noninstructional/nonessential programs for the 2010-2011 school year. | Reduced part-time personnel who provide and supervise recreational sports, extra-curricular programs, and other therapeutic programs for DJJ students.             |
| (6) Our district has consolidated the following:   | Willow Lane School was closed in 2010 and the students were consolidated with students at Birchwood School resulting in a reduction of administration and faculty. |

District Approval: The signatures below certify that this action was approved at a regularly scheduled school board meeting.

Board Chair Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed by: (please print) Sylvia Murray

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**Quarter ending June 30, 2011**