



**South Carolina
Department of
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The Honorable Jim Rex
State Superintendent of Education
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Dear Superintendent Rex:

In compliance with Joint Resolution H.3352 (Act 86), 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 2009-10 school year. As you know and 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 also have approximately 45% of our student population identified for special education, a much larger percentage of our operating funds are restricted; therefore, our ability to move funds into other program areas or to cover other expenses is limited.

In Section I of the attached report for the first quarter of this school year, we requested funding transfers from eight (8) specified funds that did allow for funding flexibility. These funds were transferred to EFA and EIA accounts to cover payroll deficits. These transfers have proven to date to be sufficient. No transfers were necessary for the second and third quarters, and none are being requested for this quarter either.

As you are well aware, during the first and second quarters of FY 09/10, state appropriation reductions, similar to what our state experienced in FY 08/09, continued to occur. Additionally, a decline in education revenue paid to the Department by local school districts, along with a continuing decline in our student population, has further reduced funding to our Department. Despite all these funding reductions, the Department has not had to implement any forced reductions of personnel this school year. However, we have not refilled the majority of staff reductions (6 resignations, 1 death) that did occur this year. We were able to absorb these personnel losses because our reduced student population allowed our district to continue to meet or exceed our Defined Minimum Program requirements and to maintain our State

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Department of Education and Southern Association of Schools and Colleges (SACS) accreditations. However, due to revenue/appropriations that continue to decline, and other internal budgetary constraints, additional personnel reductions, of up to 14 staff positions, (to include District, administrative and instructional personnel), and a seven day mandatory furlough, for all education employees, has been announced and will be implemented, starting in the first quarter of our 2010/11 school year.

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 are continuing our efforts to significantly curtail 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,

William R. Byars, Jr.
Chairman, DJJ School Board

Meda C. Cobb
Superintendent, DJJ School District

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cc: Hon. Hugh K. Leatherman, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
Hon. John E. Courson, Chairman, Senate Education Committee
Hon. Daniel T. Cooper, 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)

- (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 No vacancy occurred during the 4th quarter that is not being filled.

- (3) Our district negotiated the following number of retiree salaries None during this quarter.

- (4) Our district furloughed teachers the following number of days None during this quarter. Seven days ordered for all school district employees for FY 2010/11.

- (4)b Our district furloughed administrators the following number of days None during this quarter. The Superintendent will take ten days of furlough during FY 2010/11.

- (5) Our district has suspended the following noninstructional/nonessential programs for the 2009-2010 school year. Reduced part-time personnel who provide and supervise recreational sports, extra-curricular programs, and other therapeutic programs for DJJ students.

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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