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August 26, 2009

John K. Cooley
Division of Finance and Operations
South Carolina Department of Education
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Cooley,

This letter is in response to your request for a preliminary estimate of weighted pupil units for FY 2010-11. Based upon historical data, we anticipate that, despite the recent decline in student weightings for FY 2008-09, the ratio of weighted pupils may return to a higher level in upcoming years and feel that it is prudent to anticipate a weighted classification of students in line with past trends. Additionally, we anticipate an increase in the student population due to increasing births and enrollment shifting away from private schools due to economic conditions. Therefore, we estimate the weighted pupil units for FY 2010-11 to be 874,128. This is a preliminary estimate, and we plan to update it as necessary following the 2010-11 45-day student count. Please contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

William C. Gillespie, Ph.D.
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August 18, 2010

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South Carolina Department of Education
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Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Cooley,

This letter is in response to your request for a preliminary estimate of weighted pupil units for FY 2011-12. Based upon past experience and our most recent surveys of homeschooled students, we expect continued increases in public school enrollment as the recession prompts shifts away from private schools and homeschooling. However, significant increases in enrollment in the SC Public Charter school district will reduce growth in students attending the 85 regular school districts. Since the inception of the Public Charter school district in FY 2008-09, growth in its enrollment has more than doubled from 2,407 to 5,879 in FY 2009-10. Enrollment is expected to increase again in FY 2010-11 to 7,246 based upon information provided by Department of Education staff. EFA funding for the SC Public Charter school district does not receive local match funding and is therefore separate from the calculation for the 85 regular school districts. Additionally, reductions in the weightings for students over the last 3 completed school years have decreased the ratio of weighted pupils. Taking this into account, we estimate the weighted pupil units for FY 2011-12 in the 85 school districts to be 873,427. This is a preliminary estimate, and we plan to update it as necessary following the FY 2011-12 45-day student count. Please contact me if I may be of further assistance.

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FY 2009-2010 WPUs - 135day

Dist ID	District	135-day WPUs
0160	Abbeville	3,917.04
0201	Aiken	29,336.11
0301	Allendale	1,916.95
0401	Anderson 01	11,188.90
0402	Anderson 02	4,697.68
0403	Anderson 03	3,275.77
0404	Anderson 04	3,513.37
0405	Anderson 05	15,209.25
0501	Bamberg 01	1,814.92
0502	Bamberg 02	1,082.46
0619	Barnwell 19	1,024.37
0629	Barnwell 29	1,242.85
0645	Barnwell 45	3,053.85
0701	Beaufort	23,479.63
0801	Berkeley	35,023.97
0901	Calhoun	2,035.97
1001	Charleston	50,230.35
1101	Cherokee	10,822.97
1201	Chester	6,599.96
1301	Chesterfield	9,466.13
1401	Clarendon 01	1,111.76
1402	Clarendon 02	3,865.89
1403	Clarendon 03	1,501.75
1501	Colleton	7,583.42
1601	Darlington	13,779.08
1701	Dillon 01	1,052.47
1702	Dillon 02	4,158.55
1703	Dillon 03	2,003.59
1802	Dorchester 02	27,142.20
1804	Dorchester 04	2,680.96
1901	Edgefield	4,882.27
2001	Fairfield	3,799.95
2101	Florence 01	19,297.53
2102	Florence 02	1,590.30
2103	Florence 03	4,438.05
2104	Florence 04	1,085.76
2105	Florence 05	1,858.15
2201	Georgetown	11,847.06
2301	Greenville	86,680.58
2450	Greenwood 50	10,886.70
2451	Greenwood 51	1,408.19
2452	Greenwood 52	1,993.30
2501	Hampton 01	3,074.44
2502	Hampton 02	1,363.31
2601	Horry	46,181.34
2701	Jasper	3,884.48
2801	Kershaw	12,666.30
2901	Lancaster	14,265.96

3055	Laurens 55	7,109.91
3056	Laurens 56	3,857.14
3101	Lee	2,981.75
3201	Lexington 01	27,032.74
3202	Lexington 02	10,974.94
3203	Lexington 03	2,476.23
3204	Lexington 04	4,079.64
3205	Lexington 05	20,552.42
3301	McCormick	1,020.68
3401	Marion 01	3,469.47
3402	Marion 02	2,263.13
3407	Marion 07	885.75
3501	Marlboro	5,533.61
3601	Newberry	7,156.39
3701	Oconee	13,149.25
3803	Orangeburg 03	3,750.09
3804	Orangeburg 04	4,830.38
3805	Orangeburg 05	8,076.34
3901	Pickens	20,006.39
4001	Richland 01	29,426.74
4002	Richland 02	30,167.68
4101	Saluda	2,583.70
4201	Spartanburg 01	6,093.55
4202	Spartanburg 02	11,828.37
4203	Spartanburg 03	3,690.69
4204	Spartanburg 04	3,634.81
4205	Spartanburg 05	9,270.96
4206	Spartanburg 06	12,585.55
4207	Spartanburg 07	9,069.38
4302	Sumter 02	10,511.28
4317	Sumter 17	10,231.40
4401	Union	5,583.79
4501	Williamsburg	6,494.06
4601	York 01	6,322.68
4602	York 02	7,700.03
4603	York 03	21,661.41
4604	York 04	12,070.40
	District Totals	863,148.57