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Pat G. Smith, Director
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Dear Director Smith:

On behalf of the Education and Cultural Subcommittee, thank you, and your staff for your recent presentations to the Subcommittee relating to Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School's (WLGOS) enrollment, educational services, and student retention. In preparation for our next meeting, please respond to the following by March 18, 2019:

- 1.) What percentage of WLGOS students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) successfully obtain a GED? What percentage of WLGOS students with 504 plans successfully obtain a GED? How do these figures compare to mean and median percentages of special education student GED success rates in South Carolina?
- 2.) Please provide the correlation between GED scores and ACT scores. Please provide the correlation between GED scores and SAT scores.
- 3.) Working with the Department of Mental Health, provide the numbers of crisis counselors and social workers South Carolina public schools employ or contract with, by school district.
- 4.) How many reports to the Department of Social Services have been made in each of the last three school years?
- 5.) Provide the written procedure for responding to a positive drug test.

6.) How are extra-curricular activities funded?

7.) Provide concrete examples of Wil Lou Gray disseminating “information concerning practices that have proven to be effective in working with its students,” per S.C. Code 59-51-20.

If these questions would yield responses that are not an accurate reflection of the agency or if additional time is needed to respond, please contact Committee staff. The Subcommittee looks forward to our next meeting, on March 21, 2019.

Thank you for your service to the citizens of South Carolina and for your continued cooperation with the legislative oversight process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Jefferson", written in a cursive style.

Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.
Subcommittee Chair

cc: The Honorable Neal Collins
The Honorable Patricia Henegan
The Honorable Tommy M. Stringer