



To: The Honorable Bruce W. Bannister, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee
The Honorable Harvey S. Peeler, Jr., Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee
The Honorable Shannon Erickson, Chairwoman of the House Education Committee
The Honorable Greg Hembree, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee
Dana Yow, Executive Director, SC Education Oversight Committee

From: Ann Vandervliet, Executive Director

Date: November 26, 2024

RE: CDEPP SUNS Numbers Report

Proviso 1A.44 of the FY 2024-25 General Appropriations Act states that:

For the current fiscal year, the Department of Education and the Office of First Steps to School Readiness must acquire unique student identifiers or SUNS numbers for each student enrolled in the CDEPP program no later than the 45th day and must provide a report of such to the House Ways and Means Committee, the House Education Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Education Committee and the Education Oversight Committee by November thirtieth.

As part of First Steps 4K's participation in the Early Learning Extension of the K-12 Statewide Longitudinal Data System, the First Steps Database Administrator underwent rigorous training and has been given access and permission by the SC Department of Education to obtain SUNS IDs for First Steps 4K students directly.

Pursuant to the proviso, we report that SUNS IDs were assigned for 3,946 First Steps 4K students who were enrolled for at least one day through October 22, 2024 (Day 45) during school year 2024-25.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are grateful for the General Assembly's support of South Carolina's youngest learners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Vandervliet".

Ann Vandervliet
Executive Director
South Carolina First Steps