



**The School District
of Greenville County**
Board of Trustees

January 27, 2017

The Honorable Molly Spearman
Superintendent
South Carolina Department of Education
1420 Senate Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

As members of The Greenville County Schools Board of Trustees, we thank you for granting local School Districts the flexibility allowed by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards for school fundraisers. This flexibility allows our schools to determine, with their local communities, the appropriate balance between honoring our commitment to strong nutritional standards and permitting the occasional special fundraiser.

As you know, Greenville County Schools is a leader in promoting healthy food options for students. In fact, our Food and Nutrition Services program has been recognized nationally with the prestigious Golden Carrot Award from the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine for our innovative efforts to provide healthier school lunch options for our students. We are confident that our parents, teachers, principals and community leaders will use this flexibility with great discretion and in the best interest of the children they serve.

Again, thank you for the thoughtful and decisive manner in which you addressed this issue. We are grateful for your leadership and support, and we look forward to working with you in the days, months and years ahead to improve the educational opportunities for the children of our community and those throughout the great State of South Carolina. If we can be of assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely,

Lisa H. Wells
Chair