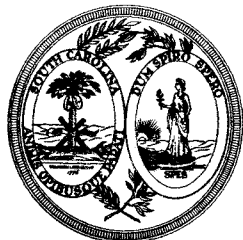


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Dear Dr. Moeser:

Thank you for sharing the plan of the University's Assessment Advisory Committee for the assessment of freshman essays. I agree that involving K-12 teachers in the review process will serve to establish common expectations and open discussion between K-12 and postsecondary educators.

To assist you in this activity, I have asked Cathi Snyder of the Office of Assessment to serve as contact person within the Department of Education. Ms. Snyder will provide you with the names of teachers who may wish to be involved in the review of freshman essays. She will contact Dr. Phil Moore for additional information.

Please extend to the Advisory Committee my appreciation for inviting K-12 teachers to participate in this very exciting activity. We look forward to the benefits for all our students.

Sincerely,

Barbara Stock Nielsen, Ed. D.
State Superintendent of Education

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