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VIA E-MAIL

South Carolina Charter Schools

**Re: COVID-19 and Charter School Board Elections**

Dear South Carolina Charter School Boards:

To ensure the safety of staff and families, the Charter Institute at Erskine, the South Carolina Public Charter School District, and the Public Charter School Alliance of South Carolina, encourage all South Carolina charter school boards to consider delaying currently scheduled board elections until after April 30, 2020.

This approach would be consistent with Governor McMaster's Executive Order 2020-09 (attached) which delayed state elections until after April 30, 2020; therefore, no formal board action should be required to postpone the elections until after April 30. Please provide notice to your school community that the election is delayed and then provide new dates for the election process just like your by-laws require for elections under normal circumstances.

Additionally, we want to encourage schools to regularly check the South Carolina Department of Education's Memoranda Archive (link listed below), which serves as a tremendous resource and frequently posts information on important issues for schools, including COVID-19, technology, etc.

<https://www.ed.sc.gov/newsroom/school-district-memoranda-archive/>

Very truly yours,



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