



Greetings from Heart4Schools!

Schools and reopening plans are in the news every day. I think we are all concerned about the effect of COVID on teachers, students and families. We know that working parents are frantically looking for childcare for their children as they begin their school year virtually. There are just not enough options out there!

Heart4Schools has been talking with churches for several months about becoming an E-Learning Center, providing supervised learning support and childcare for school-aged children. Molly Spearman, Superintendent of South Carolina Schools, has now specifically asked South Carolina Baptist churches to provide needed support during these unprecedented times.

The South Carolina Department of Education and the Department of Social Services have worked together to remove some of the obstacles that would make it difficult for churches to provide this support. Churches can now receive a temporary certificate that allows them to care for children ages 5 and up for longer than four hours without licensure. Districts may also be able to work with churches to provide school lunches as well as transportation of students. More information about a temporary certificate and guidelines for opening a center can be found at www.schildcare.org.

Churches are being given a unique opportunity to partner with schools, care for children and provide support to families. What a great way to live out our faith and impact our communities!

If you are interested in more information, please email me, angelamcneal@scbaptist.org, or request more information on our website, www.heart4schools.org.



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